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Britain prepares for compulsory call-up

Bush stands firm on deadline for Iraqi withdrawal

By Andrew McEwen, diplomatic editor

PRESIDENT Bush said yesterday that he would stand firm on the United Nations deadline for President Saddam Hussein's troops to leave Kuwait.

"I think at midnight (January 15) if he's not totally out of Kuwait, the UN sanctions must be fulfilled." Mr Bush said, adding that he still hoped for a peaceful solution. A UN security council resolution has authorised the use of force from January 15 if Iraq does not withdraw.

Iraq also said yesterday that it wanted peace and dialogue but continued to refuse dates proposed by Washington for

In Brussels, James Baker, the US Secretary of State, warned other Nato foreign ministers that close to the deadline President Saddam might make a partial with-drawal, a move he described as a ploy.

The risk of war was underlined yesterday as the British government called for 1,500 medical volunteers to come forward and laid the legal basis for a compulsory call-up.

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17 years for blackmailer



A former detective was sen tenced yesterday to 17 years' imprisonment for his "cunning and persistent" £3.75 million blackmail plot against Heinz and Pedigree Petfoods. Rodney Whitchelo, aged 43, of Hornchurch, Essex, had threatened to murder babies and ruin companies unless he was paid large amounts of

Listen in mother

Babies in the womb can hear sounds and even learn to recognise tunes, the British Psychological Society will be told today

Panto problem

By overloading pantomimes with television catchphrases and celebrities, theatres may be missing a valuable chance to win new audiences Page 17

Hard times

Both America's international airline giants, Pan Am and TWA, have fallen on hard times and may all but disappear from the blue riband routes to London..... Page 20

Merger off

Midland Bank and the Hougkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation have abandoned merger plans and the Hongkong Bank is to become a a British-registered holding company...

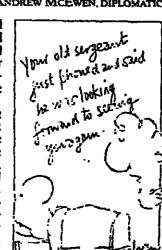
Snow reports

The Times's service of Show reports begins today and will continue until April Skiing conditions are excellent in many resorts _____ Page 32

Lineker reward

Gary Lineker, the England captain, was named as the winner of an individual fair play award from Fifa Page 34

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It also warned thousands of British families in some areas of the Gulf to send home their dependents "well before" the January 15 deadline for Kuwait to withdraw from Iraq.

Tom King, the defence sec-retary, said he hoped that sufficient volunteers would be found without the need for a compulsory call-up. He announced improved incentives for volunteers but added: "If in spite of these measures. insufficient volunteers come forward, I will need to call out individual ex-regular reservists compulsorily."

The defence ministry is mainly seeking those with medical skills, reflecting fears that any attack on Iraqi forces in Kuwait could lead to heavy casualties. Many of the injured would be flown home to hospitals which made contingency preparations two

The Queen signed an order in council which would give call-up, but Whitehall sources said the government "did not envisage" a need for this. The hope is that improved terms will attract reservists or memcome forward. A ministry spokesman said their jobs would be protected by law, and they would receive 20 per cent more than the ordinary salary for their rank, to make up the difference between

civilian and service pay. "People have probably been hesitant to come forward because they were worried about their jobs," an official said. The ministry will also pay a call-up gratuity. The surviving," said Mr Weston, amount was not announced dressed in a beige suit and but Whitehall sources said it would be over £200.

terday set the provisional

timetable for a fresh hearing of

the Birmingham Six case for

early next year amid defence

claims of new, previously hidden, evidence and calls for

the legal machinery to move

At the end of a two-hour

preliminary hearing before

Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord

Justice Farquharson, there

was anger from supporters of

the Six that Allan Green, QC,

the Director of Public Prosec-

utions (DPP), had not aban-

Afterwards, solicitors for

doned the Crown case.

into a higher gear.

British dependents to leave Bahrain, Qatar and parts of Saudi Arabia. It described this as a "commonsense precau-tion" which did not imply any worsening of the situation in the last few days, but it contrasted sharply with pre-vious advice. Tourists had been advised to stay away and British residents were told not to bring their children out to some areas of the Gulf for the Christmas holidays, but there was no suggestion until yesterday that those already there should return.

> The advice applies to families in Bahrain, Qatar, the eastern region of Saudi Arabia, and the Saudi cities of Riyadh and Tabuk. It is likely to cause a rush to book air tickets but the government hopes that if the exodus starts early an emergency airlift will

> This was underlined by different advice being given to businessmen and those with jobs. The Foreign Office said it was not asking those in employment to leave, nor were employers being advised to send non-essential staff home. In an apparent hint that this could change it added: "They should register their arrival with the closest British diplomatic mission and should tell the mission how long they expect to stay."



Ambassador shaken but not stirred

From A CORRESPONDENT IN BAGHDAD

foreign envoy to remain in occupied Kuwait, looked a little underweight, but no worse for wear as he addressed bers of the Territorial Army to foreign journalists here prior to flying on to Jordan and eventually to London to give his report to the foreign

He insisted gamely that he and six other embassy staff, who arrived here aboard an Iraqi Airways shuttle from Kuwait City, could have held out on available supplies of tuna, rice and water, for another two to three months.

"We could have gone on looking "terrific except for being a bit loose under the The Foreign Office advised collar", according to one em-

Birmingham Six hearing

may be held in new year

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

people died, could not com-ment on whether they might

apply for bail. The six men, Richard McIlkenny, Patrick Hill, Billy Power, Johnny

Walker, Gerry Hunter, and

Hugh Callaghan, were not

sury counsel, opened the hear-

ing and told the court that

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Investigations were contin-

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tests on police documents for

evidence of alterations. The

Graham Boal, senior Trea-

present at the hearing.

THE Court of Appeal yes- two public houses in which 21

the six Irishmen, convicted in DPP, he said, remained set on

1975 for the IRA bombing of a full hearing and the in-

MICHAEL Weston, the Brit- bassy official. The ambas- said: "It is a complete and authority for a compulsory ish ambassador to Kuwaii sador was also confident he utter mess. There was nothing until Sunday and the last would be going back to resume to see on the drive to the his duties.

"We didn't want to leave at all, we wanted to stay until the legitimate government was restored, and we were very sorry it was decided we should not stay," he said. sheikdom before diers were sent in.

front door of the embassy, turned the lock, then climbed down a ladder from a firstfloor window, bringing to a close the longest embassy hold-out since the Iraqi invasion on August 2. The Americans left their embassy nearly a week ago.

He attributed his extraordinary stamina to the "ingenuity" of Larry Banks, the embassy consul, who tended the vegetable garden. On Kuwait, Mr Weston

and find more material com-

Lord Justice Lloyd agreed,

saying a balance had to be

struck between the need to

expedite the appeal and for

the decision of the court to be

based on all the material

would hope to sit in late

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February for a full hearing.

ing forward.

Cornwall team may be fin-ished by the end of January. available once the police en-quiry was complete. The court

airport on Sunday because

there was really nothing left." He had been posted previously at the embassy in 1961, when Iraq was on the verge of over-running the tiny sheikdom before British sol-

Yesterday, staying at the residence of the British ambassador in Baghdad, he had his first shower, hot or cold, since the invasion, "I'm glad you are meeting me now, rather than earlier on," he

He insisted he was "not in the least" a hero, "The heroes were the (British in Kuwait) community as a whole who showed great courage, determination and initiative in the way in which they held out."



Before: ambassador who refused to desert his post

Junior doctors cautious over formula on hours

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

vestigation had broadened out. Resisting defence counsel with Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, to move tocalls for an early or immediate wards a 72-hour working week hearing, Mr Boal said it would be wrong to start the appeal

for junior doctors. The new formula should working patterns for juniors, with no doctors working more than 12 hours at one stretch. However, Dr Stephen Hunter, chairman of the junior doctors' staff committee, issued a warning that the initiative could become "cosmetic" unless it was matched with

resources annually. Mrs Bottomley confirmed that 200 more consultants and 50 new staff grade posts would Leading article, page 13 | be funded next year in Eng-

DOCTORS' leaders yesterday land at a cost of £12.2m to signed an historic agreement allow more flexible shift working. A further £1.37m will be allocated in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

However, she refused to put a time limit on when the pave the way for a shake-up in reductions in hours should be achieved and would not commit the government to further spending in future years. The British Medical Associ-

ation hailed the agreement as a "major breakthrough". Young doctors have been working an average 90 hour

week, with some on duty for more than 120 hours, sometimes for continuous stretches of up to 80 hours.

80-hour shifts, page 6

Spain's model queen in need of a miracle



Isabella: seen as demon. esint by Muslims

By RUTH GLEDHILL

JEWS and Muslims last night called for the proposed beatification of Queen Isabella, the 15th century Spanish mon-arch who launched Columbus on his expedition to the New World, to be dropped.

Leaders of the Jewish and Roman Catholic community in Britain last night wrote to the Vatican to express concern. Meanwhile, a British Muslim described Queen Isabella as "more of a demon tĥan a saint". The Vatican is examining a proposal

to beatify the Queen, who signed the edict expelling lews and Muslims from Spain in 1492 and during whose reign many who refused to convert to Catholicism were subjected to the horrors of the inquisition. Thousands were tortured and burned at the stake for their beliefs.

Yet in Spain, pamphlets have been circulating, presenting her as "a model for adolescents, women, mothers and heads of government".

Isabella and her councillors made history by their approval and sponsorship of the Columbus expedition to discover a new route to the Indies. The New World found as a result was, with papal confirmation, annexed to the crown of Castile in accordance with existing practice, offering unparalleled opportunities for the spread of Christian-

She was proficient in Latin and imperious in dealing with the Pope. One of the achievements of her last decade was the success with which the Catholic kings extended their authority thus giving the crown control over vast

property and patronage. Before the queen, known in Spanish as

Isabel la Catolica, can become blessed, through beatification, she has to be declared venerable. This requires proof of holiness. A miracle is still a prerequisite for beatification: Spaniards supporting the cause are praying to the 16th century queen in the hope of some such miracle. A further miracle would be needed to proceed to canonisation.

The proposal is being promoted by a Spanish Claretian priest, Father Anastasius Gutierrez, and a committee of clerics and laymen is working in Valladolid, the see of her birth, to promote her beatification and ultimate sanctification. A spokesman for the Archdiocese of Valladolid, said: "Our opinion of the proposal could not be more favourable." Cardinals and senior Catholics are backing the cause.

Many feel beatification would enhance Continued on page 20, col 5

Soviet deputies cold shoulder Gorbachev plea for new powers

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow

stop the Soviet Union disintegrating under pressure from "dark forces" but met a hostile reception yesterday from delegates at the Congress of People's Deputies.

Despite Mr Gorbachev's appeal, Nursultan Nazar-bayev, president of the central Asian republic Kazakhstan and tipped in some reports last week for the post of Gorbachev's vice president, made an an unexpectedly fierce attack on the Soviet

Mr Nazarbayev argued for the most generous possible interpretation of the republics' sovereignty and a return to the radical economic reform plans of the summer. His tenminute speech attracted loud applause and followed an unconvincing performance by President Gorbachev, whose hour-long defence of perestroika and appeals not to panic were received without

Afterwards, many delegates said that the president's speech was weak and disappointing_

Others accused him of taking too optimistic a view of developments in the Soviet Union. "He does not see what we see." one said.

One of the problems facing the Soviet Union was exemplified by the two large empty spaces in the congress hall where the delegations from the Baltic republic of Lithuania and the trans-Caucasian republic of Armenia should have been seated. Both delegations are boycotting the proceedings - Lithuania because it no longer regards itself as part of the Soviet Union; Armenia in protest against continuing violence in Nagorno-Karabakh, the mountainous region inhabited mainly by Armenians but

The two other Baltic delega-tions intend to withdraw after £2 million was a cash deposit the debate on the state of the country which followed Presi-

continues today. The congress, the first meet-ing of the full parliament since the one which made Mr Gorbachev president last March, opened with an immediate and passionate call for a vote of no confidence in the president by a young woman delegate, Sazhi Umalatova, from the autonomous republic of Chechen-Ingushetia in the south, who

PRESIDENT Gorbachev de- argued that he had brought the manded strong new powers to country to ruin. "Having disrupted the country and divided its people, he goes to the world with outstretched hands," she said, alluding to his quest for credits and aid from abroad. "You may fayour charity of this sort, but I feel insulted and humiliated."

confidence motion on the congress agenda, and the proposal was decisively rejected. Umalatova's sincerity, there were suggestions that her proposal had been engineered to get the issue out of the way at the start and smoke out the president's secret opponents. The vote on whether to include the motion on the agenda was "registered" and how delegates voted will be

Nadir in search of £3.5m bail

By Angela Mackay

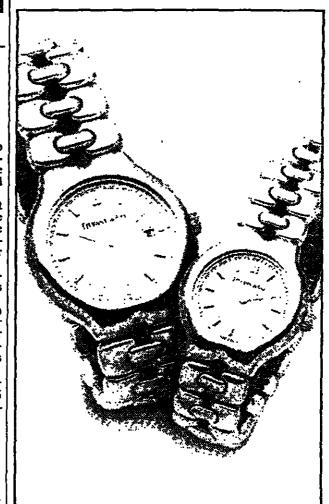
ASIL Nadir, chairman of Polly Peck International, the fresh fruits to hotels group, was forced to spend last night in Brixton prison after a court rejected some of those who stood surety for his record bail

of £3.5 million. Mr Nadir, a Turkish Cypriot businessman who built PPI from a small East End clothing company into a conglomerate with a stock market value of £2 billion before its collapse in October, was charged with 18 sample offences of theft and false accounting involving more than £25 million.

Sir David Hopkin, the chief administered by the republic stipendiary magistrate, sitting from Mr Nadir, and £1.5 million was to be from up to five dent Gorbachev's address and | sureties. Mr Nadir is due back in court on 28 January.

By late afternoon however, sureties had not been settled, and Sir David refused to release Mr Nadir into the care of a partner of his solicitors until the money arrived. Further bail offers will be heard at Bow Street court from noon today.

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New Riba head signals end of architectural gangsterism



By Charles Knevitt architecture correspondent

RECONCILIATION is in prospect between the architectural profession and the Prince of Wales after the election last night of Richard MacCormac as the next president of the Royal Institute of

British Architects (Riba). Mr MacCormac, a late entrant who beat two other contenders, including the nominee of the Riba's ruling council, is to take up

the two-year post next July.

The relationship between the profession and the prince was aggravated by the election as president two years ago of Max Hutchstand on architecture in his book The Prince of Wales. Right or Wrong? published simultaneously with the prince's book, A Vision of

Britain, a best-seller. Mr MacCormac, who has won a string of design awards and whose most notable buildings include those for for Worcester college, Oxford, and Fitzwilliam college, Cambridge, wants to rid the institute of "cultural gangsterism" and refocus its priorities to become

closer to those of the public. Almost 37 per cent of the institute's 28,000 members voted, the highest poll ever. In his manifesto,

promote the value of the pro-fession and said that it had no need to be defensive or to over-react to 'influential critics".

Mr MacCormac, aged 52, is senior partner of MacCormac, Jamiesou, Prichard, with an office of 30 staff at Spitalfields, in London's East End, and he lives next door. He was lecturing on urban design in Bristol last night and could not be contacted, but his secretary said that the practice was thrilled" at the news.

Peter Davey, editor of the monthly Architectural Review, acted as Mr MacCormac's campaign manager and the Review's sister publication, the weekly

election. Earlier this year, Mr Davey received the highest poll for election to the Riba council after calling for the institute to rekindle

the "divine fire" of architecture. However, Mr MacCormac's victory was not a landslide. Under the single transferable vote method, he was ahead by fewer than 700 votes in the first round, leading Ray Cecil by 4,413 to 3,789. When the 2,259 second-choice votes of Jonathan Ball, the official Riba candidate, were allocated, the final result was 5,331 to Mr Mac-Cormac and 4,672 to Mr Cecil.

Richard MacCormac is an architect's architect, dedicated to pro-

quality of its products. He wants to rid the institute of its "trades union" image. "It should be first and foremost a learned society." he has said. "Although that has 19th century resonance, it is very important today.

Educated at Cambridge School of Architecture, Mr MacCormac worked for Merton council from 1967 to 1969, when he set up in private practice. He established an award-winning partnership with Peter Jamieson in 1972. He has been a member of the Royal Fine Art Commission since 1983.

As a highly committed practitioner, Mr MacCormac believes

filled by someone best known for his work rather than for his political or marketing skills. His practice has continued to thrive amid a recession in construction during which one in five private-sector architects has been made redundant in recent months.

Among Mr MacCormac's current commissions, worth more than £25 million, are student residencies for Trinity College, Cambridge. His work could be described as in the "romantic pragmatist" tradition, essentially Modernist in concept, but executed using traditional materials and

NUM call to expel MP for views on Scargill

branch of the National Union though expulsion from the of Mineworkers yesterday called for the expulsion of Kevin Barron, the Labour spokesman on coal, from the NUM after he had suggested that Arthur Scargill, its president, should seek re-election in the light of allegations that ected by his constituency he had misapplied Soviet

miners' money. Valley and an NUM-spon- national executive committee, sored MP since 1983, who campaigned for Mr Scargill to turn it down. Mr Barron is a become president, has become close supporter and friend of increasingly disillusioned by Neil Kinnock, the Labour the man he had once admired, leader, whom he served as and lost all faith in him when parliamentary private secthe report by Gavin Light- retary before being appointed man, QC, iuto events to the front bench-surrounding the 1984-5 min. • Mick McGaher ers' strike, was published.

Mr Barron said: "I am not prepared to accept people telling me that I have to shut the national officials have coalfields. said the Lightman report vindicates them, why have gill, he said: "No one should they done their best to suppress it and take this action against me?

"I have had support from and family is what matters."

v constituency party in relamy constituency party in relation to my comments over the to comprehend why my union past six months. If anything, what has happened strengthens my position. I believe I have been speaking out on jor part of wages and when behalf of the ordinary miners questions of safety are inof this country." Mr Barron volved. We must be in there

LEADERS of the Yorkshire MP for his constituency, even NUM would mean the loss of its sponsorship. He will fight any attempt to re-open his selection as an MP, and would be strongly backed by the

He has already been reselparty. Re-opening the selection of an endorsed candidate Mr Barron, MP for Rother would involve a request to the who would almost certainly Mick McGahey,

vice-president of the NIIM. has criticised the leadership of Arthur Scargill in the latest issue of the Scottish Miner, my mouth when things are as copies of which have been sent wrong as they have been. If, as to the English and Welsh Without naming Mr Scar-

stand loftily on their own particular principle. The interest of the miner, his wife

is not negotiating when overtime is rising, when bonus payments have become a ma-

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Train-spotter: Andrew Biggs, aged four, from Dublin, examining the finer details of an electric model of an L&NWR Jumbo 2-4-0 locomotive and tender. The model was one of over 400 lots in a sale of small-gauge rolling stock at Christie's, South Kensington, yesterday

Major to tour regions next year

THE prime minister is to embark on a regional tour of Britain early next year in a move designed to make him better known to the electorate. John Major's visits to the

regions are also aimed at assisting the Conservative party to rid itself of the image of being largely southernbased and to widen the Tories' appeal in what may be a general election year. Mr Major's trips outside

London will give him an supporters, let alone the wider the intense security surroundopportunity to stress his personal commitment to improve quantity. In his first speech as suited in her being screened achievements depended prin-ing life in inner-city areas and prime minister, he told a local from the wider public. It cipally on their hard work and

to providing better public ser- Conservative party dinner: honoured an invitation to vices. His visits to Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the English regions will be a combination of factory visits, meetines with the regional organisations of the Confederation of British Industry and attendance at Conservative party functions.

cabinet only three years ago. has acknowledged that to many Conservative party

"Given the rapid turn of attend the Altrincham and events. I would not be surprised if one or two of you were still wondering what sort of prime minister our colleagues have elected". After Mr Major returns

January, detailed planning for to northern England to see the Mr Major, who entered the a programme of regional visits changes that had occurred, he abinet only three years ago, will begin. Although Margaret added: "Yes, for all those who Thatcher tried to travel outside London once a month, electorate, he is an unknown ing the visits inevitably re- of a society in which people's quantity. In his first speech as suited in her being screened achievements depended prinremains to be seen whether in which good-quality and Mr Major's tours can over- well-run public services were come this obstacle, but those available to all in need. that meet him will see that Mr Last week, Michael Heselrelaxed and informal.

Sale Conservative association dinner. He used the occasion to signal his intention that the Conservatives' appeal should be to all parts of the country, in particular northern Engfrom his trip to the Gulf in land. Urging people to travel

> don't know, there is life north of Watford - lots of it". He also outlined his vision

Major's personal style is more time told a meeting in London that Mr Major wanted to carry The day after he became on Mrs Thatcher's crusade of

prime minister, Mr Major inner-city regeneration. TV team resigns

over new series By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE senior editorial team gramme but they are proposbehind Hard News, the weekly ing changes we find very television programme that in-difficult to comprehend or vestigates press standards and agree with," Mr Woolwich, journalistic practice, has resigned as a result of changes proposed by Channel 4.

Raymond Snoddy, Hard Vews presenter and media correspondent of The Financial Times, Paul Woolwich, the editor, Lorraine Heggessey, the deputy editor, and Peter Casely-Hayford, the

"It's entirely Channel 4's prerogative to change the pro- shades of grey now.

Channel 4 has recommissioned a third series of 10 programmes. David Lloyd, Channel 4's senior commissioning editor for news and current affairs, said the programme should be "harder" and plans to invest more resources in longer-term investigative items. "Few stones about the press are the black and white travesties they were when the programme began in 1989. There are more

Automatic stop plan is urged By DAVID YOUNG

THE Railway Inspectorate has called for the development of a system that will automatically stop trains going through red signals, as a result of the official investigation into the Purley train The cause of the crash on

March 4, 1989, in which five people died, was the failure of the train driver to respond correctly to signals, according to the official accident report. Yesterday, Alan Cooksey, the deputy chief inspecting officer of railways, said that he strongly supported the immediate development and installation of an automatic

train protection (ATP) system
Robert Morgan, aged 47,
was driving the Linkehampton
to Victoria train when it hit the rear of a train travelling from Horsham to London just outside Purley station. He admitted two specimen charges of manslaughter and was sentenced to 18 months in jail, of which a year was suspended. An appeal court then reduced the custodial

term to four months. In the report from the Railway Inspectorate, Mr Cooksey said that an ATP system would prevent trains going through stop signals. Two pilot systems are being tested by BR.

The report also called for:

I black box incident recorders on all new trains, and also on existing stock, where ☐ an extra "repeater" signal

to help London-bound drivers approaching Purley;

If a more regulated system for reporting and investigating

Municipal skeleton interred

By Alan Hamilton

COUNCILLORS in Northern Ireland's second city of Londonderry feel that after two decades of trouble and bloodshed, they really can do without a skeleton on their municipal coat of arms.

Derry city council will today receive a unanimous recommendation from its finance and general purposes committee that the macabre depiction on the city's armorial bearings of a figure resting its skull on a bony right hand in weary resignation be erased from the escutcheon, to be replaced by something else, although no one, at this stage, is quite sure what.

The skeleton, seated on a green mound, has been part of the city arms since 1613, and is said to depict an earlier period of strife when Derry was "most trayterouslic sacked and destroyed by Sir Charles O'Dogharty", only to be raised from the dead by the good citizens of London, Eng-land, who asked only that council house. Last year, he their own city's name be had become a Sinn Fein appended. Some believe it to spokesman waiting to be inter-There's more to discover at WH SMITH.

be a representation of Walter viewed by the F de Burgh, an Anglo-Norman Raymond Maclea throwing elbow as a "mess".

training is the recovery phase." tollowing periods or severe cases. be a representation of Walter viewed by the BBC. When de Burgh, an Anglo-Norman Raymond Maclean, a former motto Vita, veritas, victoria."



knight starved to death by his kinsmen at near by Green Castle in 1332, a period of municipal history largely obscured by subsequent events. In more recent times, the

bones have been supposed to represent a Protestant waiting for a job with the Catholic-controlled council. In the 1960s, when the city was safely gerrymandered in favour of the local loyalist minority, Walter was assumed

mayor of Derry, presented his hosts with a coat of arms during a visit to faminestricken Ethiopia, they were

Although the place is still officially Londonderry, the local authority is, just as officially, Derry city council, being in the control of the nationalists. As the place is so often referred to as Londonderry/Derry, it is known on the local radio

place of oak trees. The English prefix is still a matter of dispute. Councillor Gregory Campbell, leader of the Democratic Unionist group on the city council, expressed a fear yesterday that the ruling nationalists on the famously disputatious council might be

Return of the house buyers

Buyers are beginning to return they become more confident about interest rates, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says in its latest house price survey published today (Christopher Warman writes). The institution sums up the situation by saying that "quiet confidence that the new year will bring lower interest rates is warming an otherwise fro-zen housing market.

The 109 agents in England and Wales contributing to the survey, to the end of November, report an increase in buyer interest, leading to more sales and valuation work. "London in particular shows signs of recovery from a bleak year, with competitively priced properties finding buyers across all price ranges."

Peter Miller, the institu-

tion's housing market spokesman, said that the signs for 1991 were encouraging. "Sell-ers must however be realistic in their pricing if they wish to take advantage of the gradual recovery during 1991.

Hot air claim taken to task Friends of the Earth yesterday

accused Eastern Electricity of misleading the public. The environmental pressure group said a letter from Jim Smith, the chairman, urging the public to use more electricity to combat global warming was "wonderfully outrageous".

Dr Smith suggested to a customer that using fossil fuels such as gas and coal directly in the home would produce carbon dioxide. The company defended the comments, saying they were a generalisation based on energy efficiency.

Rising costs

The cost of a full birth, death or marriage certificate will be increased by 50p to £5.50 from next April, the health department has ruled. Marriage fees will also rise where they do not meet the cost of providing the service. They include the fees for giving notice of marriage, which will go up from £13 to £15, and for a superintendent registrar's licence for marriage, which will cost £42 (£38).

BSE dilemma

New government regulations to prevent the spread of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) are making it difficult for farmers to dispose of dead livestock, the Association of Masters of Harriers and Beagles said yesterday. Until recently, hunts collected up to 100,000 tonnes of animal carcasses a year to feed their hounds, but new restrictions on the disposal of offal had made it uneconomic.

Tory challenge The attempt by John Taylor, a first black Conservative MP faces a new challenge. Three members of Cheltenham Conservative association claim 30 supporters towards the 50 needed to call a meeting at which they would demand a re-run of the procedure for choosing a parliamentary candidate, with at least two other applicants available for

consideration by all members. £84m Ulster aid

The EC's regional development and social funds are to provide £84 million to help the promotion of industrial development and tradable services in Northern Ireland over the next three years, it was announced yesterday. Half of the money will go towards creating jobs and helping to set up and to support small businesses. The rest will be spent on training schemes and the province's infrastructure.

CORRECTION

Brent Walker have asked us to point out that, contrary to the suggestion in our leading article yesterday, the company has no plans to sell its betting

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Pathe News have now released the best of their film archives on video. Forty tapes that document the

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station as Stroke City.

Derry is an English corruption of the Gaelic doire, a

up to no good, "We will be very unhappy if there is any suggestion that the links with London should be removed," he said. "We are not in favour of a radical departure from tradition, just removal of the skeleton. And we don't want a Gaelic slogan substituted for the Latin

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By DAVID YOUNG

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Evidence kept from Birmingham Six lawyers, court told

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weeks ago by the Director of other words, the Crown had Public Prosecutions, concerns this information all through tests carried out on five of the the appeal and it was never men after they were taken off a revealed." ferry to Belfast hours after the IRA bombing of two Birming- argued for greater access to

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Hyde Park blast

link 'not proved'

THE man alleged to have cache was said to have

made the IRA bomb that matched fragments of one

killed four members of the examined after the Hyde Park

of Appeal yesterday for leave Justice McCowan had sum-

to appeal against his convic- med up the prosecution case

Richard Ferguson, QC, told to a direction to convict and a

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief suborning of the independent Justice, and two appeal court judgment of the jury", and judges that there was no added that the judge had

evidence to link Gilbert wrongly directed the jury on

McNamee, a physics graduate, several occasions.

Household Cavalry in Hyde bombing.

Park in 1982 asked the Court

to the blast. McNamee, serv-

ing 25 years in Parkhurst, was

convicted at the Central Crim-

inal Court in October 1987 of

conspiring to cause explosions likely to endanger life between

Yesterday Mr Ferguson told the appeal judges that the

prosecution had failed to prove any evidential link be-

tween McNamee, aged 30, and

the explosion at Hyde Park.

basis for arguing that there

was a connection was that McNamee's fingerprints had allegedly been found on

bomb-making equipment at a

cache in Northamptonshire.

and that a circuit board in the

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tion and sentence.

from Dr Skuse's laboratory The evidence was available had been called out on the

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He raised the evidence as he ham public houses in November 1974. material gathered by the Devon and Cornwall police Dr Frank Skuse, a Home team investigating the case, or

The DPP has also provided Dr Skuse and the prosecu-tion have always denied that Yesterday Mr Mansfield

He also submitted that Mr

"in terms tantamount almost

The case continues today.

SCIENTIFIC evidence on positive results could have quoted from the report's proof beyond reasonable

> As far as the confessions were concerned, Mr Mansfield said, research using a technique to discover alterations to documents raised questions over notes of an interview with Richard McIlkenny. This had led the home secretary to send the case back to the court

in August

McIlkenny denied that the interview had taken place and Mr Mansfield said that evidence now suggested that the three officers involved had lied. The officers had been interviewed and, according to a letter from the Home Office to the Court of Appeal, provided "unsatisfactory explanations".

The DPP had had six months to consider the ramifications. Mr Mansfield said. "The interview process and conduct of this investiga tion was looked at by the original trial as one wall, and if any brick in that wall was to be removed then the confessions

should not stand."

Mr Mansfield made his appeal for prompt action during a two-hour hearing in which the court was told by Graham Boal, counsel for the DPP, that the Devon and Cornwall police enquiry into the case will not finish until the end of January and a full hearing could start at the end of February.

 The Griess test was named after a chemist who created a simple and allegedly foolproof method of discovering whether a subject had handled nitro-glycerine using a chemical known as Griess's reagent. The test, now largely abandoned, was in use in 1974 as a

field test. A scientist would wipe a suspect's hands with a swab impregnated with ether. The contents would be squeezed out, more ether added, and the solution divided between three bowls. The first two bowls would have the reagant, and the reagant and canstic soda added. For a positive result one would remain clear and the other would turn pink. The contents of the third bowl would undergo more sophis-

ticated checks in a laboratory. According to Dr Skuse, the of nitro-glycerine and there was only one other substance. also an explosive, which could also produce a positive result.

cNamee: serving years in Parkburst Leading article, page 13



Breda Power, daughter of Billy Power, one of the Birmingham Six, with his grandaughter after the hearing

Sonia Sutcliffe 'spoke of noble Hitler aims'

By ROBIN YOUNG

SONIA Sutcliffe, the wife of the Peter Sutcliffe the Yorkshire Ripper, said that Hitler had noble motives, that the Nazis' medical experiments on mothers and babies were valid, and described the Jews as "an intruder race", it was claimed in the High Court yesterday.

Barbara Jones, chief reporter of The Mail on Sunday, told Mr Justice Drake and the jury in the libel action Mrs Sutcliffe has brought against the News of the World that she and Mrs

Sutcliffe had a "very violent" row over Hitler and the Nazis during a holiday they took to Greece together

Miss Jones has been named as a third party by the News of the World in the trial. Mrs Sutcliffe is suing over an article alleging that she had an affair in Greece with a travel company director, George Papoutsis, and had kept her marriage to the Yorkshire Ripper a secret from him.

Miss Jones said: "I began to realise that if she didn't want to call Hitler evil there was perhaps some kind of

asked her if she saw some comparison between Hitler and her husband. She said other people had suggested this."

Miss Jones continued: "I then got this astonishing lecture about how Hitler's motives were noble. He wanted to make his country, his race, the most dominant in the world and that was OK, that was perfectly acceptable.
"It was unfortunate it had ended

the way it had, but the Jews had been an intruder race and therefore one could understand his hatred of them. I

analogy there with her husband. I asked her then if it was right for him to carry out experiments on mothers and babies and she said it was all in the cause of medical research and therefore it was a valid thing for him to

> Miss Jones claimed that in August 1988 Mrs Sutcliffe asked her to pay £25,000 which she was expecting in settlement of a copyright claim against the Yorkshire Post, into her account because "she did not want the social security people to know about

The hearing continues today.

Like all small children she wants lots of things for Christmas.



She wants food.

She wants vaccinations.

She wants clean water to drink.

She wants firewood.

She wants chickens to tend.

She wants a place to call home.

She wants to learn to read and write.

She wants your help to help herself.

She wants a life for Christmas.

I want to help her help herself. I want to help give her a life for Christmas.



Drug trial girl to be sentenced

From Neil Kelly

THE criminal court in Bangkok is to sentence Karen Smith, aged 19, of Solihull, West Midlands, on Thursday for attempting to smuggle 26kg of heroin out of Thailand. Miss Smith, whose trial ended yesterday, had pleaded

The chief judge said that Miss Smith's youth would be taken into account when deciding her sentence.

Her co-defendant, Patricia Cahill, aged 17, of Birmingharn, is being tried separately in the juvenile court. She has pleaded not guilty. Her trial will resume on Thursday.

During Miss Smith's trial. the chief police witness said Miss Cahill knew more about the organisation and details of their trip to Thailand than Miss Smith. The two girls were arrested in Bangkok on July 18 as they were about to board a flight for Amsterdam.

Angels of the arts are honoured

In addition to the ten business awards and the ABSA/BP sponsorship money, won by Scottish Chamber Orchestra, the Daily Telegraph Award for went to Jane Glover, as conductor and artistic director

The other business award winners were: United Baltic Corporation, Digital Equipnomic uncertainty companies ment Company, Television had an increased responsibi- South West, London Electriclity to the arts, especially at a ity, 3i Group, Nestle, British local level, since the arts were Telecom, TVS Television,

ing support roles played by buaward was made in the corporate programme category. Pamela, Lady Harlech, chairgory was not adequate to

choose a winner. The message to companies who subsidise the arts with sponsored by Nestlé. £30 million a year, from Sir Simon Hornby, ABSA's chairman, was that at a time of ecointegral to the fabric of soci-

By WILLIAM CASH

siness Sponsorship of the ners range from the arts and arts/Daily Telegraph awards urban regeneration award to for the best commercial fairy English Estates, to the British godparents of the arts were art overseas award, won by presented yesterday by the Rank Xerox for sponsoring Duchess of York at the Royal the English National Opera's National Theatre.

For the first time in 13 years of the awards, created to recognise the ten most outstand-

THE 1990 Association of Bu- ety. This year's business wintour of Verdi's Macheth, Handel's and Britten's The Turn of

siness sponsors to the arts, no Award for effective use of man of the judges, said that the most inspiring individual the competition for this cate- sponsorship contribution of the London Mozart Players,

Crufts howler upsets dogs

By JOHN YOUNG

PEDIGREE dogs were upset and their owners watched disapprovingly as a woman and her daughter fought at Crufts dog show, the height of the canine social season, a Kennel Club disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

The women swore, pulled each other's hair and rolled about on the floor for several minutes before the fracas was broken up, the hearing

Martin Sinnatt, the club's secretary, said that the fight between Pat McLaren and her daughter Sonia was unacceptable behaviour which was prejudicial to the interests of the canine world. It had also upset the dogs and some foreign visitors, he

fracas of a purely personal nature, but I am sure you will agree that the Kennel Club's own show is hardly a suitable location for such

behaviour," Mr Sinnatt said. The brawl was said to have taken place near the miniature pinscher ring on February 8. Brenda Cody, of Preston, Lancashire, who witnessed the incident involving the two women, described it as a ladies

Another witness to the brawl, Kim Harvey, of Sandwich, Kent, said that she had stepped in to help to keep Mrs McLaren and her

daughter apart. The fight began, she told the hearing, when Mrs McLaren slapped her daughter on the cheek because she

was behaving abusively. Mrs McLaren, of Morden, south London, who resigned from the Miniature Pinscher Club before the hearing, was fined £50 and disqualified from taking part in Kennel Club events for six months, after apologising for the altercation. She was also warned

Mrs McLaren told the hearing that it had been the result of a personal dispute. We had a lew drinks at Crufts, and it all got a bit out

and censured for her

It had been a family disagreement about money, which was over in a flash, she added. "It will never happen again, because I won't take her to a dog show

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told the club's adjudicators. "It appears to have been a

'Cunning and persistent' blackmailer gets 17 years

£3.75 million blackmail plot was caught drawing money against Heinz and Pedigree from a building society cash-Petfoods.

Rodney Whitchelo, aged 43, of Hornchurch, Essex, had threatened to murder babies and ruin companies unless he was paid large amounts of money. Judge Nina Lowry described him as "cunning and persistent".

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She said that Whitchelo's poisoning plot was aimed at the most vulnerable section of the community, and told him: You expected to strike terror into the lives of members of utively with the four years the public and force Heinz to imposed for trying to obtain pay up. Blackmail on such a property by deception, make scale as this inevitably affects ing a total of 17 years. large sections of the community, causing grave anxiety and fear and untold economic loss for food manufacturing virtually no assets.

On Saturday, Whitchelo was convicted of six counts of blackmail, two of contaminating tins of Pedigree Chum dog food, two of attempting to obtain property by deception. from Heinz and one of threatening to kill Heinz customers. Whitchelo, who denied all 17 charges, was cleared on four counts of contaminating baby food with caustic soda and razor blades and a tin of Heinz Weightwatcher soup with caustic soda, with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The court was told that Whitchelo had tried to make Heinz and Pedigree Petfoods

A FORMER detective was pay £3.75 million into a series sentenced yesterday to 17 of building society accounts years' imprisonment for his set up under false names. He

> companies Whitchelo had selected as his victims stood firm and co-operated with the police. She jailed Whitchelo for 13 years on each of the blackmail charges, five years on each of two charges of contaminating Chum, and six years for threatening to kill Heinz customers. Those sentences will run concurrently with each other, but consec-

The judge made no order on compensation after hearing that the former detective had



He's the one with more hair: not only Sir Georg Solti but also Dudley Moore will be sorting out crotchets from crescendos in a series on the history of the symphony erchestra on Channel 4 in the new year. The eight-part half-hour series, Orckestra, will go out on Sunday nights

Tough reputation of a rare woman judge from the women's rights lobby and have breaks. Three years ago when she jailed She made his

JUDGE Nina Lowry has a

reputation for not mineing her words in court and for handing out tough sentences. Helena Kennedy, a leading woman barrister, said of Judge Lowry yesterday: "She feels comfortable with her role. She can be compassionate and lenient, but, when it is necessary, she will be tough."

vicarage rape case,

She is helpful and sympath- judge at the Central Criminal etic to rape victims giving evi- Court and is noted by barrisdence, and explains to the jury ters for a no-nonsense apthe trauma that the women are proach to the running of her having to relive, and makes

BEWARE OF CHEAP

She made history in 1981 a rapist for 16 years, 11 days with her second husband, after the public outcry at the Judge Richard Lowry, when men responsible for the Ealing same court of session. She remains the only woman

that they are overstepping the mark. Once, when a barrister began "With all due respect, allegedly soft sentences im- they became the first married my lady...", she interrupted, posed by another judge on couple to sit as judges at the saying: "Please don't say that when you mean exactly the

Now aged 65, she has been a judge since 1976. A former pupil of Bedford High School, she was called to the Bar in her early twenties in 1948 after Judge Lowry won praise sure that they are comfortable Judge Lowry is quick to gaining a law degree at

curb counsel if she believes Birmingham university. She practised as a criminal lawyer on the south-eastern circuit and in London, until, in 1967, she was appointed a stipendiary magistrate, a post she held until she became a judge. In 1975, she was made a

member of the Criminal Law Revision Committee, Judge Lowry has a son and a

daughter from her first marriage to the barrister and former Conservative MP, Sir Edward Gardner, QC, and a second daughter from her present marriage to Richard Lowry, who also sits at the Central Criminal Court.



Judge Nina Lowry: noted for no-nonsense approach

Myths on Aids still common

By KERRY GILL

MORE than a third of people interviewed in a survey believed they could catch the Aids virus by giving blood. The study, carried out in Glasgow, mirrored others in Britain, France and the United States.

A similar proportion of people would not visit a dentist who had treated someone infected with HIV or thought to suffer from Aids, even though there were no recorded case in the UK of anyone contracting Aids through den-

tal treatment. The latest health department figures show that Aids claimed 81 lives in the UK last month, bringing the total of deaths since the start of the epidemic to 2,212. Reported cases went up to 3,988.

The survey, carried out for the Greater Glasgow Health Board, also showed that as many as 99 per cent knew that injecting drugs with dirty needles was risky and 83 per cent thought that heterosexual intercourse carried a risk of

Smoking parents 'influence children'

Children are more likely to start smoking if their parents smoke, according to an Office of Population Censuses and Surveys report, which also found that girls aged 12-14 were most susceptible.

The survey, carried out in three stages from 1986 to 1988, found that most children did not want to be smokers but that their expectations were unrealistically optimistic. A single distinct event seldom prompted a child to start the habit and their smoking. behaviour was much more erratic than that of an adult.

There is no steady progression from smoking occasionally to smoking regularly. to increasing consumption, the survey says.

MoD damages

Martin McGuinness, vice-president of Sinn Fein, was awarded £1,000 damages against the defence ministry over a claim for unlawful arrest, false imprisonment and minor assault arising from an incident when he was stopped at an army vehicle checkpoint in Londonderry in August 1987.

Bristow fined

Eric Bristow, aged 33, the former world darts champion, and Trevor Band, aged 29, his friend and driver, both of Stoke-on-Trent, were each fined £50 by Bow Street magistrates' court yesterday after admitting being drunk and disorderly after leaving a London nightclub in October.

Chess break

Gary Kasparov, the defending world chess champion, took his last permitted time out in the world championship in Lyons yesterday. There are four games left and he needs just one point to confirm the? retention of his title.

Daniel Johnson, page 12

Late collection

The Post Office began an investigation yesterday after three young boys found recently dumped bundles of letters and postcards strewn over rocks in Newlyn harbour, Cornwall. More than 200 let-ters, some marked 1987 and containing cheques and bank cards, were recovered.

Trouble brewing

Darren Kenyon, aged 33, was making a cup of tea on his 40ft boat in Grimsby docks yesterday when the gas stove exploded, throwing him overboard and sinking the boat.

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British Psychological Society

Prisoners to pop music at eight weeks' gestation

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BABIES in the womb can hear sounds and even learn to recognise tunes, the British Psychological Society will be told today.

Research at Queen's university and the Royal Maternity hospital in Belfast has shown that unborn babies are able to hear and respond to sounds at as early as eight to nine weeks of gestation, even though the auditory system is not developed at that stage.

The results of the research will be outlined to psychologists attending the second day of a two-day meeting of the society at City univer-

sity, London. Peter Hepper, of the psychology department at Queen's university, has no doubt that the foetus is capable of detecting the sounds and not simply the vibrations.

baby did not respond to sound, although it did respond to light, which can penetrate the womb in a darkened room. When it was born, that baby turned out to be deaf.

theme tunes. His team found that one

Dr Hepper and his coworkers are convinced that the babies recognise the sounds because of how they respond to particular tunes.

Lunchtime drink can be deadly

THE lunchtime drink could be more dangerous than one in the evening, research at Loughborough university's human sciences department has shown (Nigel Hawkes writes).

Jim Horne, director of the sieep research laboratory at the university, will tell delegates at the society's conference in London that most drivers should not drink at all at lunchtime, and that the legal alcohol limit is no guide to safe driving. Professor Horne investi-

gated the way in which alcohol affects the tendency to feel sleepy in the early afternoon, compared with the feeling of alertness in early evening. Eight women had two or four units of alcohol with a snack, either at 1pm or at 6.30pm [one unit is equal to a glass of wine, half a pint of beer, or a single measure of spirits]. They were then tested for an hour to check their

The results showed that, if the drinks were taken at lunchtime rather than in the evening, the participants were more sleepy and had a reduced response time for tasks requiring vigilance.

Two groups of 12 women were then given four units of alcohol or a harmless drink in a double-blind trial in which subject and experimenter were kept in ignorance to eliminate unconscious bias. As before, the tests were carried out at

lunchtime or early evening.

The subjects, all within the legal alcohol limit for driving, then had 40 minutes of monotonous motorway driving while their performance was monitored. Those who had drunk alcohol performed much worse in the tests, especially in the early afternoon. The study confirms that alcohol, even in moderation, can combine with the post lunchtime "slump" to have marked effects on skills such as driving. In a separate paper, Geoff

Lowe, of Hull university, suggested that public attitudes towards drinking drivers were becoming tougher, but that the response to drink-driving depended on whether the respondents had themselves been drinking. After a few drinks, he found, people became more sympathetic to drivers involved in accidents.

Dr Hepper has already reported that infants whose mothers spent a lot of time during pregancy watching soap operas can be calmed down by the programmes'

The studies at Belfast have been made possible by the sensitivity of modern ultrasound diagnostic equipment. That enables the researchers to identify reactions subtle as movements of the eye, as the baby attempts to locate the sources of the sounds. It also enables them to detect abnormalities of development from small divergences from the normal response.

The studies to be reported today by Dr Hepper are part of a research programme in Belfast that aims to identify the range of skills that babies can acquire in the womb, and whether stimulating them with particular sounds has any lasting effect on their development.

☐ In a session on female sexual behaviour, the society will today be told the results of a series of studies on sexual desire, the menopause, and what determines sexual preferences.

Myra Hunter, a chartered psychologist from London, will report that sexual desire during and after the menopause is more likely to be determined by psychological and social factors rather than by hormonal changes. What matters, she believes, is a woman's attitude towards the menopause rather than any physical changes.

Christine Dancey, of the polytechnic of east London, will report on a study of the reasons for sexual preference among women. Taking a group of lesbian and heterosexual women, she measured hormone levels and studied family background and personality type.

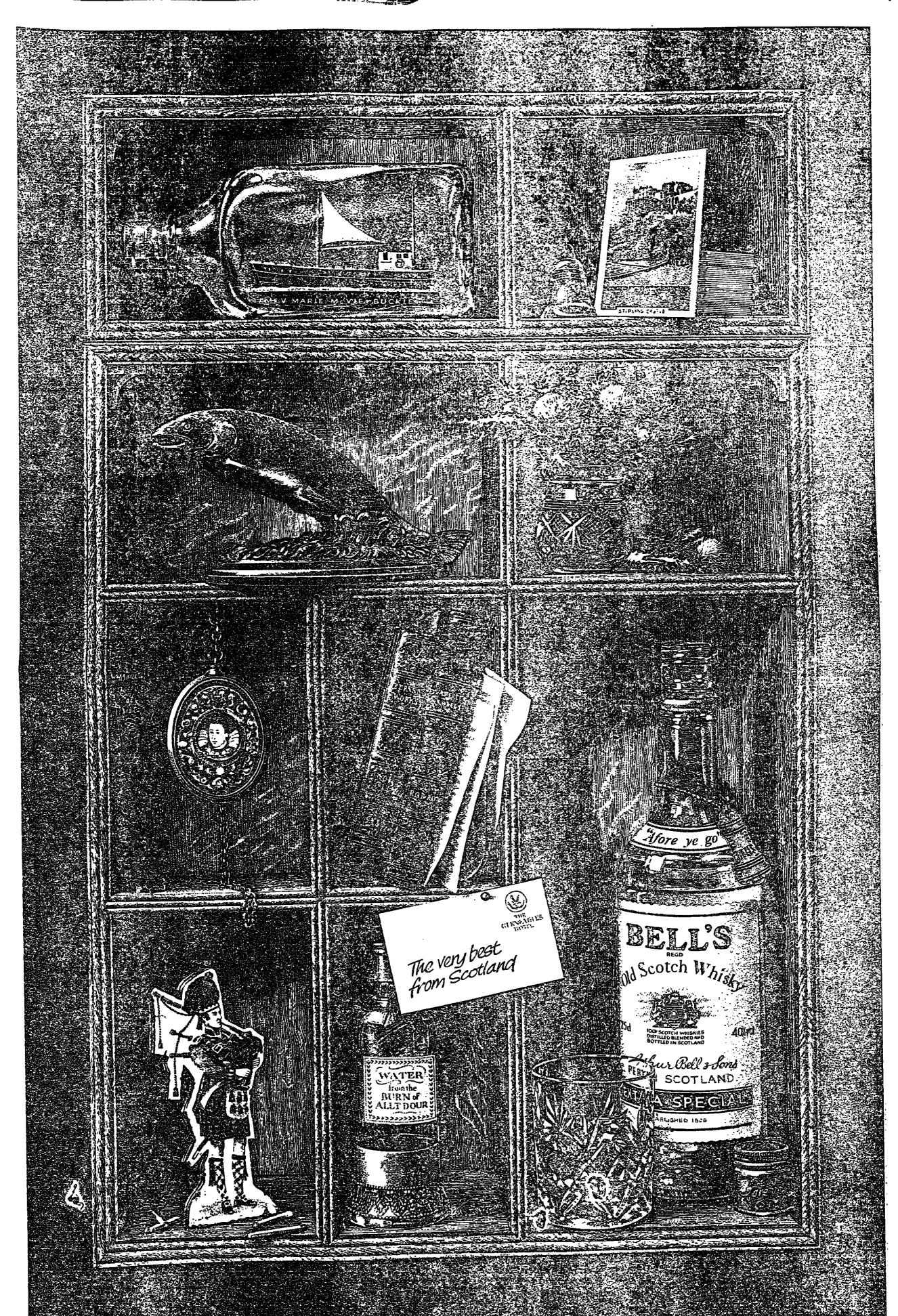
She found, however, that none of the variables she measured could distinguish lesbian from heterosexual predisposition. Sexual preference therefore remained a mystery.

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jailed for

of girl aged 2 A STEPFATHER was jailed for cleared by the jury, but was seven years yesterday for the manslaughter of a girl aged two, who died from a blow to her stomach.

Neil Frost treated Joanna worse than a dead dog, Norwich crown court was told. Although neighbours and relatives repeatedly warned social workers that she was a battered child, nothing was done to protect her, it was alleged. Her injuries were twice examined by doctors, but she was allowed to return home.

Frost, aged 24, lived with his wife Wendy, aged 22, the child's mother, in Beyton, Suffolk, where Joanna died in November last year. Frost married Wendy when she was five months pregnant by another man. He told a social worker that he hated Joanna because she was not his daughter. Frost denied murder and was

Inquest told of 'mass hooliganism'

A GATEMAN at Hillsborough stadium described to a Sheffield inquest yesterday the "mass hooliganism" of fans who tried to smash their way into the ground. Robert Cobb said the pressure on gate A at Leppings Lane turnstile was so great that the metal bent

Police, mounted and on foot, failed to stop supporters joining those outside the entrance before last year's FA Cup semi-final, at which 95 fans died. Mr Cobb said ticketless fans waved £10 and £20 notes to try to gain entrance, and others threatened to smash down the gate unless it was opened. The intention was get into the ground, no matter what."

The police cordon was powerless to prevent the fans rushing toward the turnstiles, the inquest was told. Sergeant Malcolm France said: "There were people going under the bellies of police

horses and rushing past. The hearing continues today.

Stepfather is manslaughter

convicted of cruelty and man-

slaughter. Wendy Frost was

cleared of murder on the direction

of Mr Justice Alliott. Jailing Neil

Frost, he said: "I construe from

the verdicts that Joanna was

indeed a battered child, battered and brutalised by you." David Harrison, a Home Office patholo-

gist, earlier described how Joanna had died from a deliberate and crushing blow to her stomach,

which split her liver and spleen.

Joanna was twice taken to hospital

for check-ups after neighbours

reported abuse. Doctors con-

cluded that her bruises were accidental and Frost claimed that

she had been injured when she fell

from a garden gate. However, his

sister's fiance, Arthur Phillips,

aged 44, told the jury: "He treated

her worse than I would have

treated a dead dog." He said that he had made more than a dozen

complaints to social workers

about Joanna, but they had ac-

Suffolk county council social

services department said last night

that this was not a case where

support to the family was lacking.

The considered judgment of all

concerned was that Joanna's needs could best be met by

keeping the family together. Following Joanna's death the

Suffolk area child protection com-

mittee commissioned a review

headed by an independent chair-

person. The review team con-

cluded this tragic death could not

have reasonably been predicted."

Social workers investigating

allegations of satanic and ritual

abuse of children were obsessed

with the belief that they had

uncovered a satanic abuse group, a

Mr Justice Hollings said at the

end of an 11-week wardship hearing at the High Court in

Manchester involving 13 children

that there was a great deal of

fantasy in the children's stories

because of the way they were

questioned. Manchester city coun-

cil had applied for care orders in

all cases but the judge ruled that

five should stay in care and the

others be returned home.

senior judge said yesterday.

cepted the Frosts' claims.

In the months before her death

junior doctors could soon be an unpleasant memory, but the success of yesterday's agreement on working patterns depends entirely on the attitudes of their bosses. Jill Sherman

The gruelling

shifts worked by

SIMON Bolan, unshaven and exhausted, was yesterday struggling to complete an 80-hour continuous shift at Charing Cross hospital west London.

reports

He had been on duty since 9am on Friday and was hoping to clock off finally at 5.30 yesterday afternoon. Although Dr Bolan, a senior house officer, managed to catnap for a few hours on each of the three nights he was on call, he was feeling decidedly shaky after a bectic weekend looking after cancer and leukaemia patients.

"I am shattered," he said yesterday morning. "A new leukaemia patient was admitted over the weekend, and a melanoma patient on the oncology ward was taking part in a new trial. I have had to make up several chemotherapy doses and look after 30 people on the ward." Many of the patients were

critically ill and needed close supervision, yet Dr Bolan, aged 27, was the only doctor present for the whole weekend. The consultant who was on call came in briefly to admit the new patient, as did a senior registrar.

Dr Bolan, who works over 100 hours a week, said he was lucky to get 16 hours sleep, albeit interrupted, in the three nights. Every fourth weekend he works an 80hour shift, which he admits could be dangerous to patients. "It makes you very tired and because of that you tend to make short cuts. You also risk mistakes when making up doses of chemotherapy, both to yourself - if the

needle slips - and to the patient."

Although he welcomed the agreement reached with ministers yesterday, he was sceptical about whether it would work. The new formula, which follows 20 years of campaigning by juniors, should pave the way for revolu-



Relief at last from 80-hour shifts

Dr Bolan, nearing the end of his 80-hour shift yesterday, was not optimistic about the agreement

tionary new working patterns. All juniors, who now work an average 90-hour week, will transfer to a system of split shift working. Doctors will work more intensively, but for shorter periods - a maximum of ten to 12 hours, with 48 hours off every fortnight.

Many jobs they do now, filing, taking blood and administering intravenous drugs, will be done instead by ward clerks, technicians and nurses. "It depends on resources and consultants' attitudes," Dr Bolan said. "Consultants will obviously be busier and may have more responsibility to ensure continuity of care. It will go against the grain because they have done all these hours before as part of their training," he added. "I agree that you have got to get experience but working 80 hours at a stretch is a bit of an

inhumane way of getting it." Consultants' reactionary attitudes to clinical practice could frustrate a potentially historic sources to areas where juniors breakthrough in reducing hours, juniors say. Ministers have refused to accept juniors' demands for a statutory 72-hour week, so young doctors will have to rely entirely on the co-operation of their bosses, both doctors and managers, to enable them to clock off after a ten- or 12-hour shift.

Consultants will have to ensure continuous care by allowing for an adequate overlap in shift patterns. They will also have to supervise cross cover by juniors for a variety of specialties. The consultant will no longer be able to rely on his cosy "firm" of doctors knowing exactly how he likes things done. "Consultants become very set in their ways. They like their teams. Juniors who don't work for them don't know their regimes." Dr Bolan said.

Under the new agreement, task forces will be set up by regional health authorities to match rework longest. New posts will only be approved if managers and consultants produce plans on how hours can be cut.

Last month a survey conducted by the British Medical Association showed that one in two doctors would take industrialaction in support of shorter hours. Dr Stephen Hunter, chairman of the junior staff committee, has said that if the agreement fails, industrial action would be reconsidered.

The government is more optimistic about its latest initiative than the group it is trying to appease. John Major's caring bandwagon, full of cash for haemophiliacs and the homeless, has now been topped up with money for junior doctors. Whether that will prove to be more than a political gimmick will largely depend on the medical profession itself.

Farmers shun set aside land scheme

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS are losing interest in the government's set-aside scheme, which pays growers of cereals and other crops up to £90 an acre kept out of production for five years provided at least 20 per

cent of arable land is included. This year, 911 farmers applied for payments to leave 75,913 acres untilled, according to agriculture ministry figures released yesterday. That compares with 1,230 farmers and 120,580 acres last year and 1,653 farmers and 128,418 acres in 1988, when the scheme began. As farmers enter the scheme, the cost of running it, half of which is met by the EC budget, rises. Expenditure rose from £11 million in 1988 to £25 million last year and is expected to reach £32 million this year.

The big drop in the number of new entrants this year occurred in spite of a £10 an acre increase in the highest payment on offer, in return for which farmers are required to take extra measures to enhance the appearance of setaside land, including mowing the grass cover on fallow land at least twice a year instead of only once under previous rules, a response to criticism that much set-aside land looks unkempt. They must also protect and maintain stone walls, traditional buildings, grassland, moorland and heath.

Most farmers (74 per cent) this vear followed the pattern of previous years in applying to leave set-aside land fallow, but 5.4 cent went for a new option that permits limited grazing of fallow land by deer and goats. Only 3.3 per cent chose to plant trees compared with 17.3 per cent who applied for nonagricultural uses.

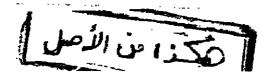
That relatively few cereals farmers applied for set-aside this year arguably indicates that they are not in quite such dire straits as they claim. If large mumbers were as close to going broke as is often said, the set-aside payments would look more attractive. Designed as a measure to curb surplus production, set-aside has had a generally bad press, being depicted as a scheme for paying farmers for doing nothing.

Environmentalists are divided over the scheme's value, some arguing that it encourages more intensive cultivation of land left in production, while others believe wildlife has benefited.

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Treason law must be revised, Baker tells MPs

A COMPLETE revision of the law of treason and its penalties was called for by Kenneth Baker yesterday when he rejected demands for the reintroduction of capital punishment for murder.

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The home secretary said it would be inappropriate to support an attempt to remove the death penalty for treason and piracy with violence while the law on treason was being examined.

Speaking at the committee stage of the Criminal Justice bill, he said that to substitute life imprisonment for the offences would give the erroneous impression that, that change apart, Parliament was content with the law. He told MPs that he had

discussed the matter with the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who considered it appropriate that the Law Commission should examine the issue in its work on the codification of the criminal law. He said: "It would be much

more sensible to leave the penalty as it is until the wider consideration of the law of treason is completed". Mr Baker argued against

backbench efforts to bring back the death penalty for the murder of a police officer or prison officer,

Restoration favoured by poll majority

OPINION polls have reported most voters to be in favour of restoring capital punishment in recent years (Sheila Gunn writes). A Mori poll carried out in December 1989 and January this

year on the death penalty found that 63 per cent believed that it was sometimes justified and 33 per cent thought it was never justified; 4 per cent did not know. in September last year, a Gallup

opinion poll asked adult voters if they thought the death penalty should be introduced for certain types of murder and compared the findings with a 1987 poll. A total of 74 per cent (66 per

cent in 1987) supported the death penalty for the murder of police officers or members of the armed services compared with 21 per cent (29 per cent in 1987), who did not. The death penalty for terrorist murders was supported by 81 per cent (73 per cent in 1987) and for child rapists by 61 per cent (63 per cent in 1987). A Mori poll in 1987 found that

72 per cent of voters believed that capital punishment should be reintroduced for certain crimes and 25 per cent were against it.

However, when Gallup asked voters last year about the likelihood of the restoration of capital punishment in Britain, 62 per cent said they believed it would not be brought back and only 26 per cent thought it would.

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for terrorist murder, or for murder with the Court of Appeal deciding whether the sentence should be commuted to life imprisonment,

He acknowledged that the num-

that 20 years is the minimum. Many murderers will serve longer. For some, life will mean life." The home secretary cast doubt

underestimate the effect and seventy of a long prison sentence, All prisons were grim, he said. On capital punishment for terrorists, he said that those prepared

eallows. He raised the likelihood of terrorist martyrs, of young people being forced to commit crimes and of hostages being taken in the run-up to executions being carried

yield to that sort of pressure. One has to recognise that the result of introducing the death penalty may be that more inno-

However, his real objection for singling out terrorism was that such a move recognised it as a special crume, to be punished in a separate way, when terrorists must

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, took the view that life or death decisions should not be taken by judges whether at the trial or on appeal, but by Parliament.

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Archer: Treason and piracy death penalty should go

Groups start child labour study

By RICHARD FORD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A CAMPAIGN to discover the extent of child labour in Britain was launched yesterday as figures were released showing that in 1989-90 thirty-seven children suffered severe injuries in industry and agriculture.

The figures from the Health and Safety Executive show that 17 children were involved in major accidents and 20 in serious incidents. Most of those injured in major accidents were working in agriculture; one of the children was aged 10.

Launching a study of child labour in Britain, Chris Pond, chairman of the Low Pay Unit, said that the law regulating the employement of children needed to be updated.

Mr Pond said: "There is increasing concern about child employment and especially the illegal employment of children. Children may represent an easy access to cheap labour for some employers and they are maybe exploited by employers."

The Low Pay Unit and the education department of Birmingham city council will carry out a survey of thirteen secondary and three primary schools in the city to find out how many children are working and at what age, the type of jobs they do, what they are paid, and the number of accidents at work.

Ann Searle, of Birmingham's education department, said that 4,000 children in the city were registered with 800 employers, although she suspected that that figure was only half the number of children working in the city.

The law governing the employment of children dates from 1933, but it is local authorities that are the main regulatory body.

In England and Wales in 1988. there were 22 convictions out of 28 prosecutions of non-industrial undertakings and 7 convictions in 1988-89 among industrial undertakings for the illegal employment

of children. Under the law it is left to local authorities to produce bylaws governing the part-time employ-

ber of homicides had increased, and promised: "I shall continue my predecessor's policy of requiring those responsible for the worst categories of murder, including those who kill police officers, to serve at least 20 years in prison". He added: "I must emphasise

on the deterrent value of capital punishment and told MPs not to

to starve themselves to death were not likely to be deterred by the

out. The government would never

cent lives would be placed at risk", he said.

be treated as common criminals.

He said that an operous responsibility would be placed on the Court of Appeal if it should be allowed to say whether a death sentence for murder could be changed to life imprisonment.

Under the proposed arrange-



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istrative organisation needed to operate the bylaws she believed that Bimingham city council's registration of children working covered only "the tip of the

She told a press conference at Westminster that, under registration, children were provided with a medical examination and the local authority checked on the child's attendance at school.

position than the trial judge to make the decision. Mr Baker also spoke of the risk

of miscarriages of justice, an issue, he said, that those in favour of the reintroduction of capital punishment must address.

The prospect of an innocent

person being hanged by mistake could not be dismissed with a shrug. There must be the possibility of rectifying a mistaken verdict. "Capital punishmnet denies that redress. There is no appeal from the grave," he said.

Peter Archer, a former Labour solicitor general, proposed new clauses to abolish the death penalty for treason and piracy. He knew of no argument that

applied to abolishing capital punishment for murder that did not apply to treason and piracy. Mr Archer said that treason could be a terrible offence, but then so could murder. He did not believe the state would be any

saler as a result of retaining the death penalty for treason than individuals would be as a result of keeping it for murder. If the offence of treason was abolished, members of the royal family and the judiciary would be

protected by the ordinary law on murder and other offences. The substantive law on treason was in need of review, but his new

clause was not about the substantive law, but about the penalties. 'We believe this debate is aboutpenalties and the arguments which persuaded the House two years ago and will no doubt be deployed

today apply with equal force to the offences of treason and piracy."

Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Castle Point, said that every day of the week newspapers carried reports of horrific crimes of murder of women and children. The statistics were clear, pointing to a

in violence. How did he answer Mr Archer said it was true that there were horrific crimes and some MPs had been complaining that the government should do more about it, but this debate was about penalties.

decline in society and an increase

He understood that the last person to be executed for treason was William Joyce, known as Lord Haw-Haw. The last person to be executed for piracy was in the nineteenth century. It could be asked whether it was worthwhile changing the law when it was not likely to be used.

"I believe what the law prescribes about this is a test of a civilisation. If we have the death penalty on the statute book, we shall be virtually the only democracy in Western Europe to do so and shall be resisting the tide of civilisation." he said. The debate was opened by a

former police officer, John Greenway, Conservance MP for Ryedale, who moved a new clause calling for the death penalty for the murder of a police officer on

He said that the Criminal Justice bill contained important measures based on the maxim that the punishment should fit the crime. Many outside the House believed that the punishment of the murderer did not fit the crime

he had committed. Since the House last debated capital punishment two-and-ahalf years ago, more than 1,500 people had been killed unlawfully in the United Kingdom and that did not include those who two vears ago were blown out of the sky over Lockerbie.

The House would remember, too, the murder of their dear friend Ian Gow. Mr Greenway recalled incidents he had attended during his five years as a member of the Metropolitan police in the



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Facing the future: Angela Rumbold, Home Office minister, meeting one of the babies yesterday after opening a day nursery in Croydon, south London, for the children of civil servants

jeweller had been battered to death in Mayfair. The murderers did not have to face the ultimate penalty because the House had abolished the death sentence a year before. "I knew it was a mistake to have done so and I have always believed so since."

Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, said that it was a matter of privilege and pride to him that all those Labour MPs who voted would vote against the return of capital punishment. He did not understand bow

anyone could vote for its return when one considered recent examples of wrongful conviction. "I do not believe that the state

has the right to take the life of one of its citizens. If it were demonstrated that it was a deterrent to murder, I would still hold that belief. It is difficult to demonstrate in cold logic, but I take as an obvious example that a state which takes life is more likely to encourage violence than to dis-

To speak of people forfeiting the right to life was no more than a belief in retribution and revenge.

One characteristic of debates on the subject had been the reckless abandonment of logic in speeches that did not occur on other subjects. All the evidence showed that it was impossible to demonstrate that capital punishment was a deterrent to any form of reasonable to assume that it was not. But proponents of capital punishment simply refused to accept that

If they were to hang human beings once or twice a year, they needed to justify it by something more than vague suspicions, ancient anecdotes, vague prejudices and bits of evidence dredged up from heaven knew where. The idea that the hideous crime of Lockerbie might have been prevented by capital punishment was the sort of fantasy heard only in this sort of debate.

The proposal for a death penalty only in cases of terrorism was bizarre. To single terrorism out in that way would give the IRA something it had wanted for years: special status. "We have always insisted that they are common

Everyone on the Opposition side regarded the arguments against capital punishment in principle and practice as overwhelming, but one argument must be regarded as the strongest: the risk that innocent men and women would be hanged if capital punishment returned.

constituency [Henley], he might

Mr Heseltine's tough words

and his refusal to lift the threat of

capping for next year angered

Labour local government leaders

who said that he could face all-

party resistance if he pressed

ahead with his plans.

have been more sympathetic."

'Hanging lobby' defeated 17 times in 34 years By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Commons has discussed the question of capital punishment 17 times in 34 years, with the bringback-hanging brigade on the losing side every time.

Before last night MPs had most recently rejected the idea of restoring the death penalty by successive majorities of 152, 129, 119, 162, 145, 112 and 123. Large intakes of supposedly "Thatcherite" Conser-vatives after recent elections have done nothing to turn the tide.

Votes in July 1983 saw the majority against capital punishment fall to 81 for the murder of police officers and 116 for terrorist murders, while it rose to 175 for murder in furtherance of theft.

Capital punishment was abolished in Britain in 1969. In April 1973, a bill to restore capital punishment lost by 320 votes to 178. In May that year, capital punishment was abolished in the Northern Ireland Emergency Provisions bill by 253 votes to 90.

In Dece Brian Walden, then a Labour MP. opposing the reintroduction of capital punishment for terrorist offences was approved by 369 votes to 217. In December 1975, a motion that would have reintroduced capital punishment for terrorist offences, introduced by the Tory MP, Ivan Lawrence, was

defeated 361-232. In July 1979, a restoration motion introduced by the Conservative MP, Eldon Griffiths, went down by 362 votes to 243. In May 1982, a Tory backbench

move to introduce a death penalty clause into the Criminal Justice bill that year was defeated 357-Amid the series of votes on

penalties for different offences in July 1983, the principle of restoring capital punishment was beaten In April 1987, Sir Ian Percival's

proposal for the restoration of hanging for "evil" murders was defeated by 342 votes to 230. On that occasion the cabinet split 10-5 against the death penalty. The five in favour were Margaret Thatcher, Norman Fowler, Nicholas Ridley, George Younger and John Moore. none of whom remains in the

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cabinet today. John Major voted against, as did Kenneth Baker, now the home secretary.

There is growing cynicism among Tory MPs at the staging of capital punishment votes in order to make life easier for home secretaries at Conservative party conferences, the mainspring of the demand for restoration. The normal practice now is to test the principle once in each Parliament and that had already been done with a vote in June 1988, when the motion by the Tory MP, Roger Gale, to reintroduce capital punishment was defeated by 341 votes to 218.

After that vote Conservative proponents of the death penalty were conceding that no statistics or arguments would now persuade the Commons to change its view. Ministers relented because the arrival in the Commons of another criminal justice bill would have enabled backbenchers to raise the question of the death penalty anyway and Lord Waddington, who was then home secretary, promised at this year's Tory conference that another vote would be held. The amendment brought for-

ward in 1988 introduced a new concept in that it would have allowed juries to recommend that capital punishment should be imposed. It was argued later that some who favoured the principle of capital punishment were against the idea of putting such onus on juries and that it was therefore appropriate for MPs to have the chance to vote again.

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The Foreign Office repeated

yesterday its advice to British

citizens in the Gulf region to

advised tourists to avoid the

Douglas Hurd, foreign sec-

rain. Qatar, the eastern region of

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That was a commonsense

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ment money for construction work at the Royal Opera House was ruled out by Tim

Renton, arts minister. He told MPs that the development of the Royal Opera House would be funded principally from the proceeds of the development of land and commercial properties given to it by successive governments.

Mark Fisher, the shadow arts minister, said that there were holes in the roof of the Tate Gallery and a huge repair programme to be undertaken. He challenged Mr Renton to commission a national audit of arts buildings so that he would know the size of the

Reform bill introduced As part of his campaign to re-

form the constitution, Graham Allen, Labour MP for Nottingham North, presented a bill to replace the House of Lords with a directly elected body. Although the bill was given a formal first reading, it has little chance of making further progress.

Riskind pps appointed

Henry Bellingham, Conservative MP for North West Norfolk, has been appointed parliamentary private secretary to Malcolm Rifkind, transport secretary.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Health; prime minister. Atomic Weapons Establishment bill. second reading. Lords (2.30): Garning (Amendment) bill, third reading. Natural Heritage (Scotland) bill, report.

Dossier may hold the key to Field future

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT A "DOSSIER" attacking mem-

hers of Birkenhead Labour party who have responded to the national leadership's request for information about Militant infiltration could determine the future of Frank Field as a Labour MP. The view taken by Labour's

ruling national executive tomorrow on the report could be the key to whether it decides to block the local party's proposed timetable for the re-run of the reselection contest in the Merseyside con-Mr Field has made plain that he

will take not part in the contest provisionally set to end in March until the reforms demanded by the NEC in Birkenhead have been carried out.

If so, Paul Davies, the transport union official who defeated Mr Field in the first contest last year only for the NEC to order a re-run, would almost certainly be chosen to fight the seat at the next election, and Labour would lose one of its most senior and respected backbenchers.

Last night, it was clear that the outcome of tomorrow's meeting, and Mr Field's future, hangs in the balance and is likely to be determined by the attitude taken to the case by Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader.

Mr Kinnock, who was in Brussels yesterday, is expected to consider the issue with colleagues today.

But it was clear last night that suggestions that the NEC is certain to delay the timetable are premature. Mr Field has lost support among some NEC members for the high-profile fight that he has waged to defend his position. They have accused him of holding a pistol to their head and say that the NEC has done as much as could be expected of it to defend

whether there are grounds for delaying the contest further and point out that Mr Davies, who has union backing on the NEC, was cleared of any wrongdoing in the earlier enquiry. However, party officials believe that the alleged dossier is likely to

will have to take place which would delay the reselection even further. Mr Field alleged in a letter to Mr Kinnock on December 7 that the dossier, circulated in the local party, had made "vindictive attacks" on loyal members who had

mean that a further investigation

responded to the NEC's request for information. He described it as the last straw. Mr Field alleged that, despite repeated attempts, he had failed to get a counter-statement from the party's Walworth Road headquarters in London rebutting the

attacks and setting the record

straight. The Labour MP said that he would pull out of any contest after his local party executive and the north-west regional organiser agreed early in December on a timetable beginning later this month and ending in March. Supporters of Mr Field have alleged that there is a conspiracy

against him in the north-west. In his letter to Mr Kinnock, Mr Field was critical of Mr Kilfoyle. Mr Field has said that the agreement to expel known Militant supporters from Birkenhead had not occurred, and named suspected Militants who had flouted the last NEC decision to suspend their membership.

They had turned up at meetings and voted on such key issues as the membership of the NEC itself. He alleged that Mr Kilfoyle had informed the local party that members who had been suspended would be able to vote in

Heseltine shocks council leaders

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine, the environment secretary, shocked local government leaders yesterday by telling them that they would have to justify their existence in order to survive his fundamental review of the poll

During a 75-minute meeting with the leaders of the local authority associations, Mr Hesettine made clear that his poll tax review would probe every corner of local government structure and functions.

He dismissed Labour demands that he should agree in advance to abolish the poll tax and insisted that capping powers would be retained to curb council spending

He also refused to give details of any short-term measures to ease the problems of the poll tax next year. It emerged later that an announcement of the possible changes would not be made until the new year. John Charfield, Conservative

County Councils, said: "He said to us 'You have got a task in hand to satisfy me, and through me Parliament, that you are delivering services effectively'. "Some of the things he had to

say were clearly unacceptable to

chairman of the Association of



Heseltine: "You will have to convince me"

wanted to make us all his best friends." He said that capping would hit Conservative councils as well as

Labour next year unless the rules were changed. "The capping criteria proposed are so severe that there will be a number of counties that will have to reduce the level of service they provide to their communities"

shire and we had hoped that, as

Mr Chatfield said.

members of the local government he represents an Oxfordshire

thorities, said: "If he pursues these plans, he is going to be in side", Mr Chatfield added. "He conflict not just with the Labour was not talking to us as if he local authorities but with the whole of local government.

cractic local government with local administration of services." The Labour leaders were also angered at Mr Heseltine's refusal to accept their demand that the abolition of the poll tax should be a prerequisite of any review of "One of those will be Oxfordlocal government structure and

finance. The secretary of state also

There was not a word in what

he said to us about democracy or

local accountability. What he is

talking about is replacing demo-

rejected their request for an independent enquiry instead of the civil service review now being carried out under the leadership of Roger Bright, the former head of information at the environment department.

Speaking after the meeting, Mr

Beecham accused Mr Heseltine of

should be set by the chancellor.

Mr Heseltine used the meeting "refusing an opportunity to take to set out some of the options for local government out of party politics' change that he is considering as He said the Labour councillors part of his review of the poll tax had been "alarmed at the cenand local government structure. He told council leaders that he tralist trend of Mr Heseltine's remarks", particularly his openwanted to see a reduction in the number of councillors to speed ing comment that the level of local government spending debates and the appointment of

directly elected mayors or chief Asked if, in the light of capping Jeremy Beecham, vice-chairand spending targets, that was not man of the Labour-controlled already the case, Mr Beecham Association of Metropolitan Ausaid: "The government can set targets, but it is up to local authorities to set their budgets". However, even the Labour leaders gave grudging approval to

> leaders to submit their own agenda for the community charge review. Roy Thomason, chairman of the Conservative-controlled Association of District Councils.

> Mr Heseltine's offer of a further

meeting in the new year and to his

invitation to the local authority

said: "I hope that it will be possible to agree one agenda for all the local authority associations. It is important that we all play a constructive part in the

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Bush says he still hopes for last-ditch peace talks

PRESIDENT Bush said vesterday that he still hoped for last-ditch talks with Iraq to avert war and did not rule out the possibility that he would permit a Baghdad meeting between James Baker, the United States secretary of state, and President Saddam Hussein a few days after January 3, the administration's ostensible

But he said that if Iraqi troops had not completely left Kuwait by January 15, the date beyond which the United Nations has sanctioned the use of force, then UN resolutions demanding lraq's total withdrawal "must be fulfilled". Asked if war would commence from midnight that day, he replied: "Wait and see."

In Baghdad yesterday, Joseph Wilson, the United States charge d'affaires, sought and was granted a meeting with Nizar Hamdoun, under secretary at the Iraqi foreign ministry, in a further attempt to

A planned meeting between Mr Bush and Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, in Washington yesterday was cancelled over the weekend because President Saddam had refused to meet Mr Baker before January 12 - too late for lraq to withdraw nearly half a million troops before January 15, in the view of American officials who say the Iraqi leader is playing

Yesterday morning the Iraqi leadership issued a defiant statement which said: We reject the dictation of dates from one side as the President of the US wants." In

Iraq defies US and calls up more men

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ yesterday insisted it would not be dictated to over dates for a meeting with the United States, reducing the possibility of direct talks which Washington has described as the "last best chance for peace in the Gulf". The Iraqi leadership also ordered all reservists aged 33 to report for duty and reiterated its determination never to relinquish Kuwait.

A statement issued after a joint meeting of Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council and the Baath Party chaired by Saddam Hussein said: "We reject the dictation of dates from one side as the president of the United States

It added: "Our belief in Kuwait as part of Iraq is unflinching and that it (Kuwait) is the 19th province is a fact that our people and the armed forces are dealing with as a great gain."

Saddam Hussein has said he was too busy to meet James Baker, the American secretary of state, before January 12, a date rejected by Washington because it would not allow Iraq enough time to pull out of Kuwait by the United Nations deadline three days later. Mr Baker had offered to go to Baghdad on any day between December 20 and January 3, including Christmas day. Iraq had also accused President Bush of calling the meeting merely as a public relations exercise to highlight Iraqi intransigence before

going to war.
In its third big call-up of reservists in recent weeks, the Iraqi Defence Ministry ordered all men born in 1957 to report for duty within a week. Since Saddam Hussein announced on November 19 that he would send another 250,000 men to Kuwait, Iraq has recalled 60,000 reservist farmers and an unknown number of men aged 30, 31 and 32.

Meanwhile, A Soviet delegation in Baghdad began negotiations over Iraqi demands for financial compensation for withdrawing from several large oil, hydroelectric and military contracts.

response, Mr Bush said he was less concerned by that sentence than by the inflexibility of another in the same statement which referred to Kuwait as the "19th province" and to Iraq's "unflinching" determination to keep it. Saddam Hussein still believed the United States was divided and was bluff-

ing about using force but "he's just

as wrong as he can be", said Mr

The point of the talks was to make sure the Iraqi leader under-stood America's determination, and Mr Bush said he still hoped they would take place. Asked if he would show any flexibility on the January 3 deadline, he declined to speculate "on what I might or might not do".

Mr Bush, whose grim demeanour nowadays suggests a man under stress, made his remarks after announcing his nominations for two vacant cabinet posts. He wants Lynn Martin, a Republican congresswoman who lost a Senate bid last month, to be labour secretary and Lamar Alexander, former governor of Tennessee, to head the education department

Fourteen former United States government officials said yesterday that the administration should commence military action against Iraq soon after January 15 if it had not withdrawn its forces from Kuwait.

The 14, who were publishing a letter they have sent to the Iraqi leadership, were led by Thomas Moorer, a former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and their efforts were designed to counter the recent congressional testimony of several other former officials who said sanctions should be given time to work.

Britain, meanwhie, kined up behind the United States yes-terday in insisting that all 350,000 Iraqi troops now in Kuwait would have to leave by the UN Security

Council deadline of January 15.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said it would not be good enough for Iraq to have started withdrawing by that time. "They should be completely out," Mr Hurd said, speaking outside a meeting of Nato foreign ministers at the alliance headquarters.

Mr Hurd's hard line which echoed a similar warning from President Bush, came on the eve of a decision by European whether to pursue a peace initia-tive with Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister.

EC foreign ministers decided on December 4 to invite Mr Aziz to Rome on the way back from his planned trip to Washington to see President Bush. The meeting in Rome should have taken place tomorrow. But with the Washington visit cancelled, EC foreign ministers were not sure whether to call off the invitation to Mr Aziz.

There was further uncertainty when it was reported in a German television interview in Baghdad that Iraq would agree to a visit by James Baker, the US Secretary of State, to see President Saddam Hussein on January 7. Earlier, on his way to the Brussels meeting, Mr Baker told American reporters travelling with him that the 15 dates offered to Baghdad included Christmas Day.



Goon on manoeuvres: Sir Harry Secombe, the entertainer, giving the thumbs-up yesterday while hitching a ride in a Spartan armoured vehicle fitted with the Javelin air defence system. He was visiting the 40 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, in Saudi Arabia

Moscow presses for release of workers

From Bruce Clark in MOSCOW

THE Soviet foreign ministry, which in the past has threatened to protect its nationals in Iraq by force, gave a warning last night that it was holding Baghdad to its promise of releasing all foreigners.

The warning came after reports from Baghdad that nearly 2,600 Soviet citizens, who play a key role in the Iraqi economy, were being prevented from leaving, pending settlement of financial disputes over unfulfilled contracts.

Vitaly Churkin, the Soviet for-eign ministry spokesman, ac-knowledged that there were outstanding financial disputes, but told reporters that the release of Soviet resident expatriates "had been promised at the highest level, and we are firmly proceeding on this basis".

He said the 2,565 Soviet citizens remaining in Iraq, after the evacuation over the last 10 days of 751 of their compatriots, should be allowed to leave the country. Many of the expatriates work as advisers in the oil industry.

Mr Churkin said that workers in northern Iraq might not feel in acute danger as their compatriots in the south, but added: "We openly tell Soviet citizens that it will be expedient to leave Iraq in the interests of their security."

The prospect of Moscow's nationals being trapped arose after a Soviet embassy spokesman said a senior trade delegation from the Kremlin, which began talks in the Iraqi capital yesterday, was in effect trying to negotiate the release of expatriate workers. "This delegation will discuss

means of overcoming difficulties preventing Soviet workers from leaving Iraq and of implementing Soviet commitments to the contracts," the spokesman said. "The delegation will discuss the scope of the responsibility borne by the Soviet government, and the Iraqi government's insistence not to allow the experts to leave unless the Soviet government bears responsibility for breaching the contracts."

Mr Churkin confirmed that the team, led by deputy ministers for trade and the oil and gas industry, would "deal with Soviet-Iraqi contracts in connection with Soviet specialists' departure from Iraq". Acknowledging the possibility of legitimate claims on the Iraqi side, he said the talks will make clear "who owes what to

He insisted that "one should not jump to this or that conclusion" as to whether remaining nationals

According to Mr Churkin, a planeload of Soviet citizens had returned yesterday to Moscow and it might not be clear until today whether problems would arise for their remaining compatriots.

Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, said last month that Moscow would not hesitate to use force on behalf of its citizens in Iraq. Clarifying Mr Shevardnadze's stance on possible guarantees of Iraq's territorial integrity. Mr Churkin said there could be "serious discussions" of such guarantees if Iraq were to

Security tightened on Temple Mount

FEARING a repeat of October's bloody clash in which 17 Palestinians died outside Jerusalem's al-Aqsa mosque, Israeli security forces yesterday prevented a small group of ultra-nationalist Jews from approaching the Muslim holy sites on the Haram es-Sherif, or Temple Mount.

The army also barred Palestinians from the occupied territories from entering Jerusalem, and kept Muslim youths away from the Haram es-Sherif.

The precautions worked and there were no disturbances. Police arrested four members of assassinated Rabbi Meir Kahane's anti-Arab Kach organisation, including two senior members, who tried to enter the Muslim enclosure, revered by Jews as the site of two ancient temples, both destroyed.

The Temple Mount Faithful - a group of teenagers touting Israeli flags led by Gershon Solomon spent some time at the adjoining Wailing Wall, before marching

outside the city walls. Mr Solomon lit a Hanukkah candle, vowing to perform the ceremony on the Temple Mount in the future. "The Temple Mount will continue to be a volcanic mountain until the Arab occupation is finished," he said.

Arab shops in the old city were closed, following a strike called by the Islamic fundamentalist org-

anisation, Hamas. Businesses throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip also shut their doors. A military panel, meanwhile, heard appeals against the deporta-tion orders issued on Saturday to four alleged Hamas members. At the defence's request, the hearing was adjourned until today. It is thought unlikely that the panel will overturn the order, "de-plored" by Washington as a violation of the Fourth Geneva

Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, dispelled rumours that the cabinet was planning to introduce the death penalty for convicted terrorists. Mr Shamir said there was no moral objection, but said the subject was not on the cabinet agenda. Several ministers, including Moshe Arens, the defence minister, have recently spoken in favour of introducing the death

● AMMAN: Jordan's Red Crescent Society appealed yesterday to the United Nations Security Council and international humanitarian bodies to protect Pales-tinians under Israeli rule. Ahmed Abu Qoura, president of the country's Red Crescent Society and the international standing committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, said the decision to expel four Palestinian activists was illegal. (Reuter)

sentence for serious offences

Ministers disagree on how to boost Nato

Brussels - Nato's foreign ministers unanimously agreed yes-terday that the "European pillar" of the military alliance should be strengthened, but could not agree how this should be done (Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent,

The ministers, attending a North Atlantic Council meeting, had the future of the alliance at the top of their agenda, despite more pressing worries about the Gulf and the role Europe should play in supporting Washington's stand against Iraq.

James Baker, the American Secretary of State, who was clearly more concerned with his on-off visit to Baghdad, said that America had long supported a strengthened European role within the alliance. Washington had noted "with particular interest" suggestions that the nine-nation Parisbased Western European Union (WEU) might form the basis of such an identity.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, repeating his message in Berlin a week ago, also favoured a higher-profile WEU that could represent Europe within the alliance. Other ministers, notably those from France and Italy, were more interested in having the WEU take on new defence responsibilities for the European Community. Leading article, page 13

Korean war link

Peking -- China did not vote for the United Nations resolution authorising military force against Iraq because of the body's role in the Korean war. Mr Qian Qichen, the foreign minister, told the Communist People's Daily that China abstained because the Korean war, launched in the UN's name, "remains fresh in the minds of the Chinese people". (AP)

Pakistani boost

Islamabad - Pakistan began sending 3,000 more troops to Saudi Arabia yesterday, dispelling doubt about its commitment to supporting Saudi Arabia against Iraq. The first infantry soldiers left aboard a Saudi Arabian airliner, and the rest would be following over the next two days, a military spokes-man said. (Reuter)

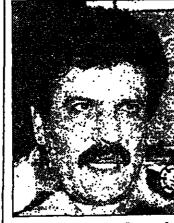
Polish aid deal

Warsaw -- Poland has signed an agreement with Saudi Arabia on sending a medical team and two ships to join the United Nations forces in the Gulf, the official PAP vs agency said. The agreement calls for Polish medical personnel and a hospital ship and rescue ship to bolster multinational forces in the Gulf. (Reuter)

Peace boat due

Khartoum - A "peace boat" carrying 150 women taking medicine and milk powder to Iraq is due in Port Sudan, Sudan's Radio Omdurman said. The Iraqi-registered Ibn Khaldoun left Tunis early this month on a voyage organised by Arab women's unions. It has called at a number of Arab ports and will visit Yemen on its way to Iraq. (Reuter)

Abbas makes worldwide threat



Abbas: US only understands

By Juan Carlos Gumucio .

THE leader of the Baghdad-based Palestine Liberation Front, Abu Abbas, said yesterday that if war broke out in the Gulf, no place in the world would be safe for supporters of the anti-Baghdad

"The Americans understand only the language of war. We have to act on the basis that the aggression will take place at any moment," he told Iraq's official Al-Jumhuriya daily newspaper.

The guerrilla commander, whose real name is Mohammed Abbas, was behind the hijacking of the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro in 1985 and is wanted in the United States for killing an elderly, wheelchair-bound American Jewish passenger. In the second such threat in three months, Abu Abbas said that his men and other Arab guerrillas stood ready to attack. "The striking Palestinian groups have defined American and Western targets which they will attack if the American aggression against Iraq takes place," he was quoted as saying. "Among those targets are US installations and interests spread all over the globe."

If one is to believe Abu Abbas or his strategy, as hopes for a peaceful settlement faded rapidly yesterday, Palestinian admirers of President Saddam Hussein would begin sabotage operations throughout the world immediately the first shot was fired in the Gulf.

Rush to make a killing from war games

By MARTIN FLETCHER

THERE may be no war in the Gulf this side of January 15, but why wait? One of the faster moving Christmas presents in US stores this year is a board game called "Gulf Strike/Desert Shield" which purports to simulate what will happen when the Americans get tired of waiting and launch a pre-

emptive strike. Ghoulish? Certainly realistic. It is designed by a Washingtonbased Pentagon consultant named Mark Herman, Jackson Dott, a spokesman for Monarch Avalon, the Baltimore manufacturers, claims it is "probably a more sophisticated look at what is happening there than you can get from any newspaper, radio or

television show". lare to say, the odds are

the Iraqis get clobbered. The game appeared within 45 days of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on August 2 and has already been reprinted. "It's the hottest thing we have right now," said Mr Dott, whose company is now exporting the game to Britain. Monarch Avalon is not alone in

exploiting the commercial spinoffs of the conflict. According to The Wall Street Journal, the XTR Corporation is soon to unveil a board game called "Butcher of Baghdad", designed by Colonel Gary Eldridge, who works for the deputy chief of staff for operations and plans at the Pentagon. This will not reach the shelves by Christmas, largely because Colonel Eldridge has been preoccupied

with planning real strategy.
"Butcher of Baghdad" is an adult war game whose board whose counters represent actual Iraqi, US and allied units with all their strengths and weaknesses. Given the position of Colonel Eldridge, who has been working

seven-day weeks over the past few months, this was somewhat sensitive. "I got basic permission some months ago, but I've got to run it through the Pentagon again before it's published," he said

The war-games periodical Strategy and Tactics is this week publishing, as an 80-page insert, a game called "Arabian Nightmare: The Kuwait War". "If people accuse me of making money over a person's dead body, I guess I'd have to plead guilty," James Dunnigan, the editor, told the Journal.

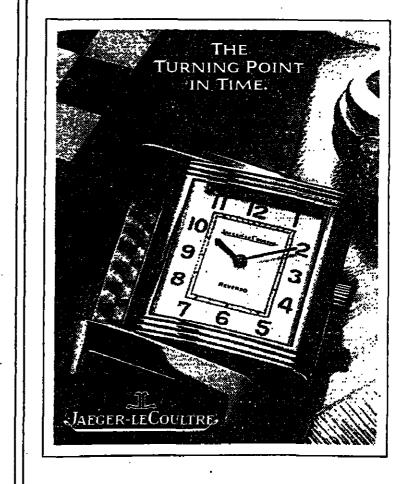
Some people have expressed disgust at the idea of selling such earnes as Christmas presents

can soldiers may be dying in the Middle East, but there is little evidence that the men of the crack 101st Airborne would share that sentiment. Newsweek reported yesterday

that they are preparing to revive an old Vietnam tradition - leaving a death card, an Ace of Spades, on the dead bodies of enemy soldiers. The magazine has reproduced one of the cards: on one side appears the slogan "Death By Dogs", on the other the name of the unit, a picture of an eagle with a skull in its talons, and the words "Operation Desert Shield 1990". ● PARIS: French nationals held

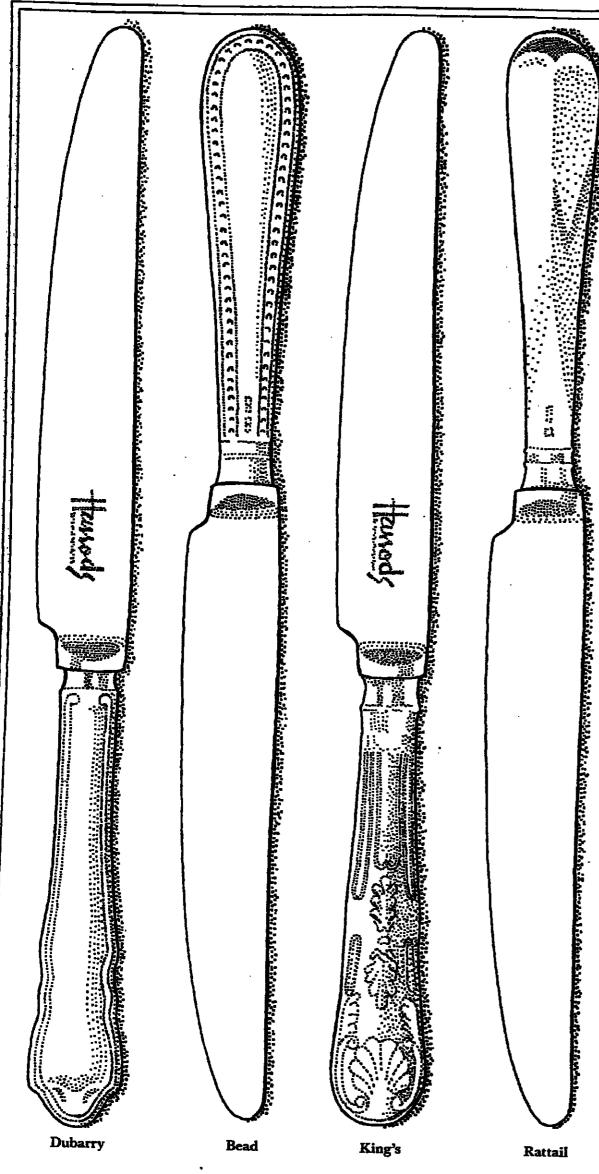
hostage at Iraqi strategic sites will be paid by their government double the compensation of those detained in luxury Baghdad hotels (Renter reports). France is to give £3,000 to each "human shield" and £1,500 to every other released.

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training is the recovery phase."

Fiesta in Haiti as radical priest heads for poll win

HORDES of delirious Haitians poured out of the waterfront slums yesterday to surround the white-domed national palace in a sea of celebration as Father Jean Bertrand Aristide, the radical priest dubbed the "people's candidate", seemed to be

presidential election win. With official results possources among international aged 37, who has promised out of politics in the chaotic

at least two-thirds of the vote.

The party began late on Sunday night with happy groups of shun dwellers chatting and singing outside their houses. Yesterday morning, thousands of chanting revellers swarmed towards the ellers swarmed towards the centre of Port-au-Prince, waving branches in scenes reminiscent of the celebrations after the flight into exile of President "Baby Doc" Duvalier in February 1986.

The impoverished masses

The prospect of Jean Aristide as president raises doubts about how the right and military will respond, writes Alan Tomlinson from Port-au-Prince

official bulletins. "Commu- servative economist Marc to do, before the official heading for an overwhelming niquel, communique! Titide Bazin, had been expected to results are announced. president!", they chanted, us- make a strong challenge. With official results pos- ing the affectionate nickname When polling began on sibly days away, an Aristide of the dimunitive priest- Sunday, many voters, fearing landslide looked assured as turned-politician who had a repeat of the violence that worked for years as a teacher observer groups weighed up in the slums before being 1987, when 34 citizens were the popular verdict. After ejected from his Salesian monitoring polling stations, Order for opposing his bishthey said that Father Aristide, ops, who wanted him to stay

Preliminary counts in the council, which organised the poorest districts indicated he had won all, but a handful, of the votes at some polling before making statements, stations. Some foreign observ- and for voters to keep their ers said the priest had also registration cards in case of a carried many middle and second round of voting.
upper-class areas, where his Few witnesses of the poll

When polling began on marred the last election in killed outside polling stations, went to the polls early. However, at some they had to wait

ballot, appealed to candidates to wait for the official tally

anisation of the elections might result in many ballots being annulled, and no Hairiwatcher could rule out irregularities happening during the count, especially if foreign observers leave, as they plan

The priest's revolutionary rhetoric troubles businessmen, the military, and foreign diplomats here, but Alvin Adams, the influential American ambassador, had insisted before the election that Washington was ready to work with whoever wins.

There is also the matter of threats from hardcore Duvalierists, who would like to to prevent Father Aristide from

But a Haitian political analyst, Jean-Claud Bajeux, said concerned the vast majority of voters in the Western hemisphere's poorest nation. 'What will happen afterwards does not matter to them. They live only for today. They think only of making enough moneyto eat today. Tomorrow is a upper-class areas, where his principal opponent, the condiscount the possibility that belongs to God."

Bush's rights chief visits **Peking**

From Catherine Sampson IN PEKING

FOR the first time, China is hosting the visit of a foreign official whose agenda is almost exclusively an examination of human rights abuses. Richard Schifter, the United States assistant secretary of state for human rights, arrived in Peking yesterday for talks with Chinese leaders.

His visit is believed to be a concession wrought from Peking in exchange for the visit by Qian Qichen, the foreign minister, to the White House China was delighted at his meeting with President Bush, since it re-established its international standing.

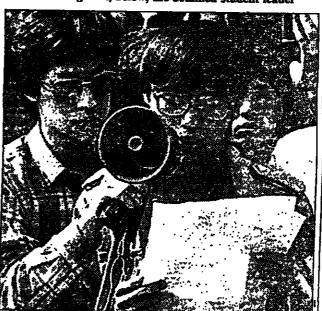
American embassy officials in Peking have released no details of Mr Schifter's itinerary, but he is expected to meet Mr Qian, as well as other igh-ranking officials, and visit a prison or labour camp in Peking. He will also discuss

Foreign journalists and visitors are occasionally allowed to visit the No.1 prison and the labour camp, where they are introduced to repentant prisoners, who declare that they have realised the error of their ways and wish to use their lives in the service of the people's republic. There are other prisons and labour camps which have never been

opened to foreign observers. China refuses dialogue with Amnesty International and other human rights organisations and issues vitriolic statements of condemnation every time China's human rights record is brought into question by foreign organ-isations or officials. Spokesmen in Peking say that human rights is an internal issue in which no foreigner has the must regard these things as Ming, has been tried, but authority to interfere. They positive moves," said one sentence has yet to be passed.



Qian Qichen, above, the Chinese foreign minister, and Wang Dan, below, the detained student leader



maintain that China, as a developing country, is basically concerned with the human rights of food and

clothing for the population. Mr Schifter's visit is highly sensitive, and it is not clear whether Chinese leaders will respond defensively, or try to present a benevolent face to the world, treating the visit as a propaganda exercise. A group of diplomats living in ination of human rights. "We

diplomat. "But we see no difference in practice."

Mr Schifter's trip comes as the political trials of leading dissidents are about to take place. He is believed to have a list of dissidents who have remained in detention without trial since the June 4, 1989, mass killings, and who are expected to be tried soon on charges of counter-revolution. These include Wang Peking were recently allowed Dan, a student leader, as well to visit a prison in the capital, as two newspaper editors, suggesting a slightly more Wang Juntao and Chen open attitude to foreign exam- Ziming. Court officials say another student leader, Zhang

Sterile fly ploy to stop parasite

sterile male flies have been flown to Libya as part of an American-backed campaign to eradicate the screwworm, a deadly flesh-eating parasite that threatens livestock throughout Africa.

The flies are the first consignment to arrive from a ioint United States-Mexican plant at Chiapo de Corso in Mexico, the official Libyan news agency Jana said yes-terday. The campaign organisers will start releasing the sterile males from planes today over an experimental area of about 2,700 square miles, it added. The idea is that the sterile males will outnumber the fertile males born in Libya. When they mate with the females, the eggs will be infertile, breaking the chain of reproduction.

The screwworm fly, three times the size of a house fly, first appeared in Libya in 1988, probably with a consignment of livestock from the Americas. It had never before cas, and livestock experts say it could do enormous damage to wild and domestic animals in Africa, the Middle East and

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southern Europe. The females lay their eggs in the slightest wounds on live animals or people, and the larvae bore their way into the flesh, deepening the wound and preparing it for fresh infestations. Campaign organisers plan to bombard infected areas with millions of flies every two weeks for the next two years. (Reuter)

Ershad enquiry

Dhaka - Shahabuddin Ahmed, the interim president of Bangladesh, said that a threeman commission, headed by a supreme court judge, will investigate charges of corruption against the ousted President Ershad as a first step to putting the former military ruler on trial. They will also investigate charges against former ministers and other senior officials. Mr Ershad could face the death penalty if found

Aboriginal aid

Sydney — Australia launched a SAus232 million (£93 million) campaign to improve the health of the Aboriginal population, which the Labor government of Bob Hawke has admitted is as bad as in Third World countries. Life expectancy of Aborigines is 22 years less than whites, and infant mortality rates in Aboriginal communities are three times higher than the national average.

Kashmir talks

Islamabad - India and Pakistan, who nearly went to war over a Muslim uprising in Kashmir this year, are trying this week to bridge their differences as Hindu-Muslim violence convulses India. Three days of talks start today. concentrating on the revolt in Indian Kashmir. However. neither side is expecting a breakthrough. (Reuter)

One-track mines

São Paulo - A Brazilian mining company has a new approach to strikebreaking showing erotic films. Union leaders say officials at Com-panhia Vale do Rio Doce have been playing the films to entice non-strikers to stay in their factory. The weekly Veja said union leaders are considering showing the same films to strikers. (Reuter)

HO CHI MINH CITY NOTEBOOK by James Pringle

Walking the streets under 'Uncle's' watchful eye

he most popular T-shirt here features Mather". And John Brinsden, the recently Miss Saigon from the London musical show. The best-selling book is a translation of Neil Sheehan's A Bright Shining Lie, an opus on one of the more colourful American characters of the Vietnam war. "Saigon Tea", a colourless drink known to numberless GIs, is again on sale for 60p, its Vietnam war price.

There are few outward signs these days that this is a communist state, with a still pervasive security system. One, possibly, is the billboard slogan: "This city is rich, beautiful, civilised and modern, worthy to be named after Uncle Ho". In fact, few people call the former capital anything other than Saigon, even in this centenary year of Ho Chi Minh's birth.

Vietnam's leaders are anxious to avoid the repeat of Eastern Europe's turmoil, They have become more conservative as they wrestle with developing a moribund economy, while insisting on the leading role of the Communist party. A party congress in mid-1991 will signpost the way

In the meantime, Vietnam is trying to open up to foreign investment. Recently, the government approved 11 foreign projects, worth £60 million, five in the industrial sector, two in transport and one each in tourism, fisheries, agriculture and construction. A few British, French and Thai banks have opened offices here, as have leading advertising agencies.

A sign just outside Tan Son Nhut airport announces: "First in Vietnam - Ogilvy and

following periods of severe exercise

arrived Standard Chartered Bank manager, says: "This is a place of great potential."

Behind the outward signs of prosper-ity, there is a sense of desperation in Vietnam over spiralling inflation as Soviet aid dries up. Unemployment figures are at about 20 per cent, with many soldiers who returned from fighting in Cambodia last year still jobless. People hold down two or three jobs, but they will not be taking to the boats; enough

news has filtered back now from Hong Kong and other destinations about conditions in displaced persons' camps. There are more pestering street urchins and beggars than ever before, and many more prostitutes have recently appeared, a sure indication of an economic downturn -

pretty teenage girls, some as young as 15, loitering about outside hotels. A local newspaper asks: "Can Vietnam avoid the spread of Aids?" No cases have been reported yet, it says, but there is no note of self-congratulation. "Prostitution and drug addiction are on the rise," it reports, noting that there are about four

thousand drug addicts in Hanoi alone. The press also reflects the party's split personality. Alongside articles preaching modernisation and overseas investment, others warn against foreign contacts. "Over the past period, especially since early 1990. the imperialist forces and international reaction have intensified their sabotage activities against our revolution," said Brigadier Duong Thong, a security official.

throwing elbow as a "mess".

De Maizière resigns in shadow of Stasi claims

LOTHAR de Maizière, deputy leader of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and the last East German prime minister, resigned as minister without portfolio from the German government yesterday because "I can neither confirm nor deny" findings suggesting that he worked for eight ars as an "informal" informer years as an "informal informer for the hated Stasi secret police.

The findings were revealed during an intensive search of the Stasi records and files by Joachim Gauck, a special investigator of the interior ministry, who has been in charge of examining the Stasi files. Reporting the findings at a special news conference yesterday, Wolfgang Schauble, the interior minister, said that an informal collaborator of the Stasi working under the code name "Czerny" had been reporting to them since 1981 about the evangelical church. Herr de Maizière is of Huguenot stock and was vice-president of the East German federation of evangelical

"There are indications that 'Czerny' could have been Lothar de Maizière," Herr Schaüble said. The evidence in a Stasi card index had shown that "Czerny" and the former prime minister could be the same person. Herr Schauble said, however, that it was nevertheless not possible to tell from the evidence so far whether or not "Czerny" knew he was supplying the Stasi with information.

"There is no proof of guilt,"

Herr Schauble said. There had been some evidence supplied by

Spiegel exposes reporter as spy

From Anne McElvoy in Berlin

GERMANY'S most influential news magazine, Der Spiegel, has always boasted that its cover stories send the country's humbler launches. Yesterday's issue, however,

sheepishly admitted what the journalistic community had been gossiping about for the past week: that the magazine's East Berlin bureau chief was a Stasi agent charged with disseminating disinformation through the columns

The name of Diethelm Schröder still stands in the list of correspondents where he is modestly described as being "on leave". Herr Schröder decided that he was in need of a holiday after he was called in for questioning and accused of passing military and political information to the East Germans.

The magazine, which is renowned for its investigative journalism and for its exclusive revelations about the East German secret service, yesterday admitted that it appears to have been harbouring an agent as one of its top reporters.

Only now, three months after unification, is it becoming clear that the long arm of the Stasi reached not only into the offices of ministries, but into almost all social circles of the Federal Republic of Germany," the magazine wrote.

Herr Schröder, who before moving to East Berlin had been the magazine's military expert in Bonn, was widely known in the ministry of defence and was a friend of the Nato general secretary, Manfred Worner.

Herr Worner has since engaged in heated public debate as to whether Herr Schröder was familiar enough with him to visit him at home and call him by the more intimate du form of "you" in

conversation. For the magazine, which started as the brain child of the allies to act as a watchdog on the corruption in postwar Germany and has been published since by the eminent journalist Rudolf Augstein, the case is one of the revealer

revealed. Der Spiegel has a long tradition of exclusives, including some featuring the head of East German intelligence, Markus Wolf.

Herr Wolf had long boasted that he had "someone sitting in Der Spiegel" but the claim was dismissed by West Germany. All correspondents sent to East Berlin were carefully vetted before they were given posts there.

Herr Schröder appears to have been infiltrated into the West in the 1950s on the orders of Herr Wolf with instructions to rise in journalism there.

Herr Schröder's colleagues at the magazine's Berlin office said yesterday they were "shocked" but had no comment to make. Another prominent journalist, working for the radio station Sender Freies Berlin, was dis-



witnesses, "but we have to remember that they were all Stasi too and might be lying," he said. Herr de Maizière said that the inability of the investigators to clear his name beyond any doubt meant that he had no choice but to step down as minister, as deputy leader of the party and as leader of the CDU in Brandenburg. He would not allow himself to be considered for another post in the new government, he said, because the Stasi problem was so difficult and he did not want to burden the party with "the unclear situation". He intends, however, to make use of his seat in the Bundestag to

help him continue to try to clear his name. He has asked Herr Schauble to order that the investigation continues until the truth is known. "I want clarity of the case, in the interests of my family, of myself and in the interests of political civilisation," he said. He said that he did have regular contacts with Stasi members, but only in connection with his work as a lawyer. He refused to reveal whom he used to see because, he said, this was all sub

chancellor said in a statement.
"He still has my great trust and I do not doubt his word. Any prejudging of his case would be unwarranted." Despite the chancellor's pro-

withdrawing his name from consideration for the new co-



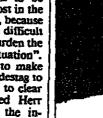
De Maizière: will continue

evidence is accurate.

leaves an awkward gap in the government now being formed. The chancellor has promised that he will include former East Germans in senior posts in his cabinet, although none have much of the necessary political experience.

As the CDU leader in East Germany, Herr de Maizière was expected to be given responsibility for liasing the work of redevelopment. He will be difficult to replace, although he only came to prominence just over a year ago. He took over the CDU precisely because he was supposed to have no shady past, imlike Gerald Götting, who had been party leader when it served as a block

ny's opposition Social Democrats, anxious to put their crushing defeat in this month's elections behind them, yesterday nominated the Schleswig-Holstein state prime minister, Bjoern Engholm, as their new leader. The party executive voted unanimously to make him its candidate to replace the present chairman, Hans-Jochen Vogel, at a congress next May, but he is expected to start taking charge immediately.

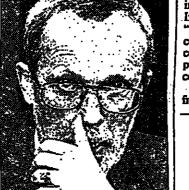


Helmut Kohlm, the chancellor, promptly accepted his resignation.
"I respect his decision," the

lessed confidence in his deputy's innocence, he did not try to prevent Herr de Maizière leaving the government or from alition which is now being formed. On the face of it the evidence is

sufficiently damming to make it

difficult for all suspicion about his



efforts to clear his name

past to be wiped out. Herr Kohl cannot run the risk that the At the same time his departure

party under the communists. Meanwhile, leaders of Germa-

is aimed at all the Twelve

Delors insists EMU warning

JACQUES Delors, the European to hold up EMU reflects his recent Commission president, yesterday repeated his assertion that failure to achieve economic and monetary union (EMU) would lead to a conflict within the European Community, but insisted that his remarks at the Rome summit are directed not only at Britain. had jeopardised the thaw in

Before a lengthy talk yesterday with Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, M Delors said that it was not his job to enter into the internal affairs of member states. In a television interview, he said: "I simply said that if we cannot complete the inter-governmental conference mandate, I fear a political divergence of the

pessimism over the attitudes of some member countries, especially Germany, on EMU, and was not simply an off-guard remark made under pressure at Rome. It is understood that Sir Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, yesterday criticised M Delors for his stance, believing it

M Delors said that he had a duty to protect the commission's interest, and his remarks referred not only to the British government but to any member state putting forward diversionary proposals.

relations between Britain and

Mr Kinnock, on a visit to His repeated forecast of con- Brussels in a series of top-level frontation with any country trying opposition visits to try to con-

Major leaves arena with a good press

From Phillip Jacobson in Paris and Ian Murray

JOHN Major has won over hearts, snob". but perhaps not fully the trust, of European leaders, according to French and German newspaper comment on the community summit in Rome.

Although Mr Major has still to establish himself fully in French eyes as Margaret Thatcher's successor, he did make yesterday's front page of L'Humanité, official mouthpiece of the Communist

He and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, were pictured smiling and lolling in armchairs. They had good reason to be feeling pleased, the paper said, having just decided - in company with President Mitterrand of France to lead the EC "across the Rubicon" towards supranationality.

For the left-of-centre Libération, Britain's new leader had given his EC partners a glimpse of a new style of negotiation "which hints at certain creeping changes in policy". Libération's man on the spot said Mr Major's "affable" performance in Rome was especially welcomed by those who had once been on the receiving end of the Thatcher handbag. The Greeks were even said to have found him "sympatik", while observers of his visit to a performance of Tosca praised the Major touch for warmth and informality: no pretensions and nothing of "le

For the conservative Le Quotidien de Paris, Mr Major had succeeded in making "an assured and aimiable" entrance on the community stage, although it went on to describe him as "smiling

with machineous vieous". In Bonn, the General-Anzeiger newspaper summed up the main impression in Germany of "Britain back at the negotiating table

But the paper had no illusions that Britain would now easily adopt a "more European" position. The article pointed out that, since no decisions had to be taken. and there were no details, it was relatively easy to show harmony. All the papers highlighted what

was seen by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung as "a constructive spirit" from Mr Major. The Süddeutsche Zeitung went further: "London no longer strictly rules out an EC common currency. British European policy is becoming more flexible."

Herr Kohl told Die Welt that he and Mr Major had different ideas about the European Parliament and a Euro-currency, but that the prime minister wanted a frank discussion in order to make a positive contribution.

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vince the commission of Labour's commitment to Europe, said that he did not think M Delors was particularly suspicious of British intentions. He will work amicably with

Reaching out: Mother Theresa admiring the cross which Petre Roman, the Romanian prime minister, wears around his neck, during their meeting in Bucharest yesterday. Famed for her charity work in the Third World, the Albanian-born Mother Theresa is visiting Romania at her own request

anybody, but he does have an objective in mind," the Labour leader told a press conference after his meeting. "What he finds objectionable is to be subjected to the politics of tantrums." Mr Kinnock said suspicion was

not a good basis on which to conduct policy. But M Delors was no more suspicious of Britain than of any other member state.

He told M Delors that Labour was ready to accept EMU, provided it was in the British interest. But he repeated the arguments put forward by John Major, both as chancellor and prime minister, that there had to be greater prior economic convergence of the EC's economies before Britain would benefit. This was not a "neat little precondition": it was the only precondition in which EMU would work satisfactorily for Britain and the rest of the community.

Mr Kinnock welcomed the softer tone of Mr Major at the Rome summit, but said the government's position on Europe was now one of complete confusion. 'It has gone from the 'no' of Mrs Thatcher to 'no policy'."

He said M Delors, a strong supporter of the EC social charter, agreed that good currency de-pended on a social economy and not just on the market alone.

Mr Kinnock said even conservative governments in Germany and The Netherlands accepted the need for a social charter to balance economic development. "Britain is an exception to this view."



EMU if it helped Britain

Iliescu pins hope on coalition talks

From Tim Judah in Bucharest

THE Romanian government yesterday tried to ease tension in the country by sounding out opposition parties on forming a broader coalition government of national

President Iliescu said on Romanian radio that he had begun mediating between Petre Roman, the prime minister, and Radu Campianu, the leader of the National Liberal Party.

"The talks concentrated on a dialogue and negotiations to be conducted over the next few days. The National Liberal Party piedged to contact other opposition parties to find possible solutions for opposition participation in government," President

Mr Campeanu, who was heading a four-strong team, was negotiating with Mr Roman, Claudiu lordache, the ruling National and the front's parliamentary leaders, Alexandru Barladeanu and Dan Martian.

However, last night Mr Roman firmly rejected opposition calls for his resignation and said that there was "no question" of new elections which were demanded by some opposition parties.

The Liberals, for one, are pushing for a national unity government and early elections.
In an interview with The Times

Mr Roman confirmed that he would like some sort of coalition if there is some kind of benefit for the political interest of the country." He was speaking after President Iliescu's meeting with Mr Campeany. He refused to comment on the substance of vesterday's coalition talks but said that they were "just a first meeting ... We are opening the way to negotiations." He added: "The

participation in government of responsible polytical forces could be a more efficient way of solving the political crisis."

Mr Roman became Romania's first post-rervolutionary prime minister on December 26 last year. After his National Salvation Front won last May's elections with more than two-thirds of the vote, it mooted the idea of a coalition government but this was rejected by the opposition parties. Mr Campeanu now seems to have revived his party's interest in joining the government. At the same time he has helped found the six-party National Convention for the Restoration of Democracry, an anti-government grouping of opposition parties.

Last night Mr Campeanu would not comment on his talks with Mr Roman saying that he had to consult with his party first.

According to a Western ob server here, "Campeanu's ambition seems to be getting the better of him He badly wants that cabinet seat." He also noted that if Mr Campeanu does now join the government Mr Roman will have skilfully divided the opposition while giving the impression of seeking a national consensus just as his government is beset by strikes and demonstrations against his economic austerity programme.

The main popular grudge against Mr Roman is that he began his austerity programme by liberalising prices last month and ending four decades of price

Speaking on the first anniversary of the Timisoara bloodshed, which triggered Romania's revolution, Mr Roman admitted that the fact that virtually no one has been brought to justice for the more than thousand deaths during the revolution was a "burden".

Albanian pledge of quick trials for protests

From RICHARD BASSETT AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

ALBANIA'S beleaguered leadership yesterday pledged to put on trial "immediately" 157 dem-onstrators arrested during violent protests in several cities last week. At the same time, in an attempt

to consolidate the support of the recently established Democratic Party, it legalised the opposition grouping and other movements which have sprung up since students began protests in Tirana. the capital, eight days ago
Although the leadership hopes

to weather the storm by granting legal status to the relatively tame Democratic Party, whose principal leaders are sons of former leaders and other members of Albania's elite, President Alia remains in a precarious position

The announcement on Tirana radio yesterday that those detained by police will be brought to trial as quickly as possible underlines the fragility of authority in the country The leadership hopes by this move to avoid inflaming already volatile public opinion

However, the investigating judge, Cemal Lama, in a statement broadcast on Tirana radio vesterday, provoked further anti-government feeling. He said. Most of those charged are hooligans who have been tried before for committing acts contrary to civil morale." The last phrase is a frequent communist euphemism for political offences.

Gramoz Pashko, leader of the Democratic Party, met Adil Carcani, the prime minister, late on Sunday night. Mr Pashko has succeeded in calming the students . in Tirana, but his requests to travel to other cities to set up local branches of his party have been .

Tanks were reported to be still patrolling the northern cities of Shkoder and Elbasan and the army was on alert in the Admatic port of Durres.

Notwithstanding Mr Pashko's negotiating skills and the deployment of military force, it seems

French party misses out on seasonal spirit that was better than most censure motion, it was not quite crisis of confidence in his leader- ously translated into 2 to 3 per

By PHILIP JACOBSON

he doctrinal position which France's communists take on Christmas is unclear, but as the party's annual congress begins today, festive spirit and goodwill are expected to be in short supply.

While shoppers are spending as if there is no tomorrow for capitalism, delegates will be wrestling with sharp internal divisions over control and policy in what one unkind critic calls "Stalin's last constituency". Since the proceedings at Saint-

Ouen, which mark the 70th anniversary of the party's founding, will once again be orchestrated by Georges Marchais - "unreconstructed" general secretary for the past 17 years the "renovation" wing will have trouble making its voice heard. For a start, majestically indif-

ferent to the turmoil in a growing

number of local organisations,

ship (alternatively, there is a "socialist plot" to damage him and, by immodest extension, the entire working class).

The party's well-entrenched apparatchiks have been rehearsing standing ovations for M Marchais, whose set piece speeches sound increasingly like some re-run of the Brezhnev era. In what other communist party in the West - or the remains of the party in the East - are voters still woord with denunciations "petit-bourgeoise intrigue" and appeals to overthrow the capitalist hegemony?

According to senior party figures, the congress will be "the most democratic that any political organisation has ever held in France". But dissenters within the ranks complain that while opposition to the leadership may now be touching between 20 and 25 per cent of the membership in regional

cent when it comes to counting the votes on individual motions before the assembly. in an apparent effort to dem-

onstrate that ground root support was holding fast, the party has recently been encouraging local branches to pass judgement on its programmes: to nobody's great suprise, these organised straw polls have produced huge majorities - 92 per cent and upwards - in favour of the established order.

nsurprisingly, M Marchais, 70, has presided over a steep decline in the fortunes of what some French still call "les cocos." Until the late 1970s, the communists reguarly took more than 20 per cent of the vote at partiamentary elections: after the 1978 campaign, they held 86 seats in the National Assembly. The most recent election, in

summer 1988, left 27 Com-

dismal performance by M Marchais's hand-picked candidate for the presidential contest a few weeks earlier. Unkindly nicknamed "M Dupont" - France's version of

Mr Smith - André Lajoinie combined an utter lack of charisma with creaking slogans about class struggle. He halved the party's share of the vote to less than 7 per cent. M Lajoinie has paid the price, but the second-raters who obedi-

ently toe the Marchais line today have little more to offer an electorate that has long forgotten, or could not care about, the days when the communists were France's largest single party. In the National Assembly, they can usually be relied upon to back the minority socialist government in a crunch. Even when the worm turned and the party's deputies voted with the conser-

observers had expected after a enough to defeat Michel Rocard's administration. To judge by recent opinion polls, the communists would be unwise to bank on securing 10 per cent of the vote. Although

> of 600,000, some inside observers put the true figure at about a quarter of that. ward times, yet on the surface M Marchais, a burly, heavy-browed, figure with a taste for sharp tailoring, remains unworried.

shuffling his faithful from one.

the party claims a membership

key post to another. The louder the "renovators" clamour for some response to the collapse of orthodox communism in Eastern Europe, the more tenaciously the French hierarchy seems to be wedded to

doctrines of the past. No wonder the wits say President Gorbachev would have no chance of being accepted as a

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No sell-out, Mr Major

Woodrow Wyatt

hope M Delors was right deeply to distrust the soothings of Mr Major at Rome. Mr Major is strongly against a single currency and an independent. central European bank. He offers a hard ecu as a parallel currency with the vain hope of it achieving general use by mass populations. The single currency beloved of M Delors stays on the agenda.

So does the notion of an independent central European bank dominated by Germany, Mr Major's variant of national incontrol will not satisfy bureaucratic Brussels desires supported by the majority of the Twelve.

Alas, largely at the prodding of Mr Major, we joined the exchange rate mechanism, already proving the calamity forecast by many. Here we are, caught in a savage recession, teetering on the edge of a 1930s slump, without the ability to alter our interest and exchange rates precisely when it suits us. Ask not why unemployment will steadily increase. We have conceded that we need outsiders to hold our inflation down.

What our EC partners want is political federal union. If Mr Major is really resolute against that it would be more honest to make this clear now instead of saying Delay, Delay, Delay where Mrs Thatcher would have said No, No, No. As a prelude to federal union the EC peremptorily demands majority voting in the Council of Ministers. If there had been majority voting there would now be no British forces in Saudi Arabia. The United States, bereft of reliable allies, could not be shaping up for an onslaught on Iraq after January 15 if Saddam Hussein has not unconditionally quit Kuwait. The weasel words of Mr Heath and Mr Benn would have been echoed by the fainthearts among our leading EC partners. If we agree to majority voting we shall take another dive down the slippery slope to union, and the EC would always favour

I was dismayed by Mr Major's failure urgently to press the Rome summit to address the resurrection of the collapsed Gatt talks. This may have pleased Germany, delighted to use its economic mastery of the EC to compel its partners to take its cheaper goods and uncaring if their living standards spiral downwards accompanied by rising unemployment.

Britain exports more per head of population, mainly across the seas, than any other nation. Extensive trade barriers put up against us by America, the old Commonwealth and the thriving Asian states would be a catastrophe from which we could not recover for a long time, if ever. This would be for the sake of a corrupt common agricultural policy, defrauding taxpayers of £6 pean food exports and denying entry to cheaper, non-European foods. Polite evasions of reality

f you are a crackpot hurrying to the Charing Cross Hotel

this morning, keep this newspaper by you. Rolled up

and waved at the right moment,

it could prove a valuable hand-

For today, in the Canterbury

Suite, a stamp auction is taking

place. And even those who are

not gailoping thither will know

that the stamps belong to Lord

Patrick Spens, because there

was a photo in vesterday's

Times showing the noble ven-

dor with what was described as

"the jewel of his collection"

trembling between his distin-

guished tweezers. The stamp is

the lewel of his collection

because there is something

wrong with it, and it was

trembling because he does not

But Lord Spens is to come up

before the beak early in the new

year to answer charges arising

from the Guinness affair, and

since you cannot answer

charges without incurring some

of your own, his stamps are

going under the hammer so that

How odd that what everyone

should be rushing along is the

Strand! For not only is that

where the Charing Cross Hotel

is, it is where, several hundred

years ago, the family's philatelic

fervour almost certainly began:

you will recall that the king sat in

Dunfermline Toun, drinking the

blude-red wine, but do you

The king has written a braid

And sent it tae Sir Patrick

Was walking on the strand.

there can be little doubt that the

first thing the famous ancestor

did when the postman bounded

up to him was examine the

stamp for lucrative flaws. If it

showed the king, for example,

drinking pea-green wine, it

could be worth thousands. And

it is this which, for me, is the

unfathomable nub of today's

Take the jewel: because it has

'a confetti mark" near Her

Majesty's head, it is worth

incalculably more than the five

bob the local post office would

have asked for it for in 1958. In

shenanigans.

Yes, the same family, and

letter.

Spens.

remember what else he did?

And seal'd it wi' his hand,

his lawyers may be paid.

want to sell it at all.

maiden to your crackpottery.

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

may make us more popular with the other 11 members, but they butter no parsnips.

Nor do they cope with the complicated issue of subsidiarity. According to Sir Leon Brittan, this could mean that the EC, federal or not, would graciously allow member states to take some actions of their own in undefined areas. On the other hand, it might not. I do not think "subsidiarity" is a buzz word in general conversation, nor that more than 100 in a million have the slightest understanding of what it is all about. This is the kind of pig in a poke we are being asked to swallow.

How strange it is that we approach federal union as national identity revives in East European countries and the Soviet Union. All have been in a federal union run by Moscow, and they know how grim the extinction of their individual expression and the central tyranny of their economic destinies have been. Our willingness to contemplate such self-destruction arises partly from ignorance of what is afoot and partly from an astonishing selfdenigration. Many of us do not believe in ourselves any more or in the remarkable vigour underlying the radical revolution of the Thatcher years. Fortunately, there is a strong strand of resistance to the course we seem set on from robust Labour MPs of an earlier tradition, who put national independence first. Too many Tory MPs are wedded to "consensus" which, in this context, means amicably agreeing with our 11 EC partners, however damaging this may be to Britain.

If a federal union becomes a distinct possibility we would be better off leaving the EC al-together. The British people were told that it was a common *market* we were joining, not a contraption bent on extinguishing our parliamentary democracy. This signifies little to Germany, Italy and France, where parliaments are of almost no account, and governments based on types similar to Brussels bureaucrats have an empathy with those who rule arbitrarily from the centre.

If the EC ceases to be a common market then it would be preferable for the United Kingdom to become the latest addition to the United States, if it would have us. At least Americans share the same culture, language, legal and democratic systems and general outlook on the world. Canada, Australia, New Zealand and others of the old Commonwealth might like to come along, too, and the Englishspeaking unity broken by the unfortunate events of 1776 could be restored. Not so fanciful as it looks at first sight.

Mr Major should be aware of losing the next election unless he is tough and eschews all signs of indicating that submergence in federal Europe could not happen. It certainly can, before you could say Jack Delors.

God's name, why? Were it a

non-metaphorical jewel, it

would not soar in value on the

grounds that a chipped diamond

which turned grey in the rain

was something to stand the

gemmophilic world on its ear.

Stamps alone attract the gavel

simply by being inferior speci-

mens of their breed. Bidders do

not engage in punch-ups in the

aisles because a Sèvres milkmaid

with three ears has finally come

up for auction, the Getty mu-

seum does not trawl the world

for that rare canvas on which

everything went so wrong that

its prime feature is the boot-

shaped gash which indicates

their worth on accident and

ineptitude. A chap stops his

serrating machine to put the

kettle on, and the result is a row

of stamps with holes in the

middle to render them priceless;

a team of printers grafting at the

1887 Borneo Jubilee issue is

failen upon by a group of peckish locals, who leave

naught but a few ribs and a

block of the 2c green, and this

latter: picked out of the rubble

years later by a Stanley Gibbons

safari, has barmy millionaires

rushing to empty their current

but maddening. I have a huge

collection of errata agglom-

erated over the years at enor-

mous, irrettievable expense

and I fail to see why these cock-

ups have never made the sale-

room grade: there is a bespoke

brown jacket with one sleeve

uniquely longer than the other.

bound to exclude pp 33-64, an

elegant leather briefcase in mint

condition, thanks to the fact

that the combination designed

to snap open both locks snaps

open only one, a bracket clock

which chimes every twelve

minutes - and which, more-

over, is wrapped in a 1971 copy

of the Guardian containing so

many misprints that, costed out

on the current Confetti Mark

Index, it should, if there were

any consistency in this world,

consistent. If it were, it would

But then, the world is not

be worth millions.

rare edition of Lucky Jim,

I find this not merely mad,

Stamps, however, depend for.

Rembrandt's finishing touch.

Frederick Lawton urges further safeguards for the criminal suspect under interrogation

Confession pressures that must stop

Six, whose appeal process was renewed yesterday, is one of a number that have raised doubts about the reliability of convictions based on confessions. Other cases include Engin Raghip, convicted of the murder of PC Blakelock in the Broadwater Farm riot in 1985, the Guildford Four and the many arising from alleged malpractices by the former serious crime squad of the West Midlands Police.

Reformers support the adoption into the English legal system of the requirement of Scottish law that for a confession to be admissible it must be corroborated. But the Scottish conception of corroboration is wider than the English, so for all confessions to be corroborated in the English sense could result in affronts to justice. Thus an accused who had tape recorded a confession at a police station in the presence of his solicitor, and after consulting him, could claim that he was entitled to be acquitted if there was no corroboration of its truth.

The English courts have accepted in cases raising issues of identification that there should be

prosecution's case rests solely on a confession. In the example given. the accused's conduct would probably be considered supporting evidence of his confession. The change could be made without legislation.

Such a change would not, however, prevent miscarriages of justice. The concept of supporting evidence is vague. The malevolent police officer wanting a conviction would have no difficulty in finding some supporting evidence to put before the court. In at least three of the cases that are causing missivings, what is alleged to have gone wrong occurred in police stations interrogated before being charged. Before the passing of the 1984

Police and Criminal Evidence Act suspects could be kept in detention without charge for an unlimited time. Now they can be kept only up to a maximum of 96 hours (seven days for those detained under the Prevention of Terrorism Act) and then only with the consent of a magistrate. But it is this power to detain without charge for a substantial period of time that gives unscrupulous

police officers an opportunity

and often used since the time of the Spanish Inquisition. Arrest the suspect in the early morning of late at night, keep him in custody for at least 24 hours without disclosing to him the evidence against him and then start questioning him. Experience has shown that after about 24 hours most suspects become agitated, anxious and confused. When in this state they become susceptible to suggestions; and as the hours go by they may agree to what their

up within them. Parliament was alive to the dangers presented by prolonged detention without charge. The 1984 Act was intended to safeguard suspects while detained in police stations. Only officers of the rank of superintendent and above can approve of detention without charge beyond 24 hours; and after 36 hours a magistrate must give his consent. The integrity of superintendents can probably be relied upon; but in practice they are unlikely to interrogate suspects themselves and may have to accept

what they are told by junior officers

interrogators are suggesting and so

relieve the awful tension building

of inducing false confessions. as to why a charge should be How to do so has been known delayed. The fact remains that suspects can be detained for more than 24 hours without charge. Many alleged confessions that are subsequently challenged seem to be

made then. All too often police officers -"rounding up the usual suspects" - make arrests without having enough evidence to prefer a charge. If in such cases arrests have been made under a warrant, the magistrate who issued it may have been at fault. If reasonable details of the nature of the offence are not provided, the issue should Once a police officer has made

an arrest without having adequate evidence to prefer a charge, he puts himself in a difficulty. If no charge is preferred he may be sued for damages for wrongful arrest. The need to procure enough evidence then becomes pressing. Since a confession will fill any evidential gap, the temptation to induce one becomes strong. Keeping the suspect in custody for a longish time is a good way of getting one.

The police are aware of this, and to avoid making an arrest the practice has arisen of inviting

of practice issued under the 1984 Act provides only limited safeguards for suspects who attend police stations voluntarily. It does not cover cases in which a suspect is "persuaded" to stay in the police station for a long time without

being charged. Judges too should be wary of confessions made after a long stay in a police station. It would not be in the interests of justice to say that no confessions should be admitted in evidence after a suspect has been in a police station for more than a certain time; but if the admissibility of the confession is challenged, the judge should inquire in detail into the circumstances in which it was made, if defending counsel does not.

A confession can be the most convincing proof. A plea of guilty on arraignment dispenses altogether with the calling of evidence. But a confession made in a police station can, and sometimes does, affront justice. Urgent attention should be given to reforming this part of police practice. Sir Frederick Lawton is a former Lord Justice of Appeal and was

chairman of the Criminal Law Revision Committee, 1977-86.

When artistry and intellect hold the world in pawn

With Kasparov leading Karpov 11-9, Daniel Johnson celebrates the great

social leveller that has enthralled

kings, writers and revolutionaries

azza has done it again.
The crowd loved it. "I finally won a game in my old style," the maestro declared. I refer, of course, to Gary Kasparov, the 27-year-old world chess champion. To sacrifice one's queen against Anatoly Karpov, one of the greatest masters of defence in the history of the game, is the ordinary chess player's equivalent of eating pâté de foie gras to the sound of trumpets. To a Kasparov it is more: the rare flash of "intellectual delight" (as the Czech master Ren called it) which gives the chess master a claim to artistry. Sacrifice is to

The combination was not even risky. The Kasparovian assault was overwhelmingly strong, and he could have won in several more prosaic ways. Kasparov won back his opponent's queen by force only three moves after giving up his own; the rest was mopping up. But the romanticism that still surrounds the notion of the supreme sacrifice, in chess as elsewhere, dictates that this 34th move of the 20th game of the 1990 world championship match will indeed be remembered for as long as

chess as art is to life.

chess is played by human beings. Even those unfortunate people who are ignorant of chess have taken an intelligent interest in this particular match, because of the extraneous factors that have given it publicity. There are the politics: Kasparov is deputy leader of the anti-communist Democratic Party of Russia, which supports Bons Yeltsin, while Karpov has stayed loyal to President Gorbachev and the communist system. Then there is the psychology: this is their fifth world championship match since 1984 and, since Karpov is nearly 40, it will probably be their last. Finally, there are the showbiz aspects: perhaps no previous chess match, except Fischer-Spassky in 1972, has ever attracted as much money and exuded as much glamour. Thousands of children will take up chess amid the enthusiasm which the New York-Lyons match will leave in its wake. That is good for

chess and good for them. Yet now that chess is all the rage it would be a mistake to suppose the game has languished in drab back rooms where bearded, twitching social misfits smoke foul-smelling substances and sit for aeons pushing pieces of wood in suffocating silence. A few chess players have borne a passing resemblance to the stereotype: Karl Marx for one, who would disappear from his family for days at a time to engage in chess and drinking marathons with his scruffy fellow émigrés in London.

But chess has always had a fashionable elite of devotees and, like poetry or painting, properly belonged among the diversions of gentlemen and ladies through the ages. Medieval knights fought and fell in love over chess; Philip II of Spain employed the chess-playing priest Ruy Lopez, whose evergreen Spanish opening (3.Bb5) Kasparov used to deadly effect in game mentioned above; writers from Lewis Carroll to Hermann Hesse have exploited the game for its colourful imagery and hermetic mystique. Words derived from chess (exchequer, stalemate, gambit) have entered everyday language and advertisers

recycle themes stolen from chess. Whereas amateur players have embraced every social degree from paupers to kings and popes, chess masters have generally emerged from the middle classes. Some chess professionals have died in poverty: Karl Schlechter, who drew a match with the then world champion Emanuel Lasker in 1910, supposedly starved to death in Vienna during the famine of 1918. Until recently it was hard to make a living from the game, except in the Soviet Union and other communist states, where chess masters became slaves of a political system which knew how to use them. In the free world. some of the greatest masters never



The historic game of kings: Louis XI (right) considers a move at the Château de Plessis-les-Tours, circa 1475

became professionals. Paul Morphy, the genius from New Orleans, played master chess (but never for money) for a few years in the 1850s before returning to America to die in obscurity. Lasker, champion for 27 years, hardly ever played chess for a living until the Nazis drove him into exile and he was obliged to return to the ssional circuit in his late sixties. Philidor, the great French master of the late 18th century, was also an eminent operatic composer; Henry Buckle, the Victorian historian of civilisation, was of master strength, as was

Marcel Duchamp, the artist. Those great levellers, the cafe and the club, were the centres of chess activity for most of its modern history. Both Rousseau and Napoleon were hangers-on at the greatest of all chess haunts in 18th century Paris, the Cafe de la Regence, immortalised by Diderot in Rameau's Nephew. Simpson's Divan in Victorian London boasted among its denizens Howard Staunton, the Shakespearean scholar and one of the early unofficial world champions, and later the first official one, Wilhelm Steinitz, a Viennese Jew who systemised the modern game.

New York's famous Marshall Chess Club no longer dominates the chess life of Bobby Fischer's birthplace, but Paris, Berlin, Prague, Budapest and Vienna still

Here there is the London Chess Centre at Clapham Junction and the King's Head pub in Bayswater. while in Hampstead a grimy coffee house used to be pointed out as the place where Elias Canetti, the Nobel laureate, played chess. Now it is a fast-food joint.

The richness of what has been a microcosm of the best in European culture must give the lie to those who treat chess as a sterile. inward-looking obsession. When the grandmaster tournament opens at Hastings on December 28, the ghosts of the first such contest at the turn of the century will look on benignly.

n that famous Hastings tournament of 1895, the young Jacques Mieses (a marvellous character who won a prize for brilliance aged 80 at Hastings in 1945/46, and who swam in the Serpentine for years after that) played an innovation in the Scotch game against the one-eyed master Richard Teichmann, a fellow Ger-man. Mieses lost: the game was forgotten for nearly a century until a few days ago when Kasparov suddenly played the same line in game 14 of the match against iust held the draw, but risked this rare opening again in the 16th game. That game lasted for 102 moves, nearly as long as the longest-yet world championship game (Tarrasch-Lasker, 1908), and ended in victory for Kasparov. Though Karpov later fought back, it was that exhausting 16th game which ended a long run of eight draws and began the final, blood-thirsty phase of a match evenly balanced until then.

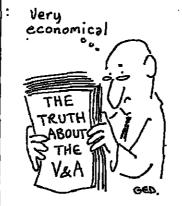
Only in chess, among compettive pastimes, could a creative ! idea nearly a century old still bear fruit today. Only in chess can the intellect achieve a modest kind of excellence without suffering the distortions that other competitive disciplines impose on the mind. Spinoza wrote at the end of his Ethics: "All excellent things are as difficult as they are rare."

Excellence of Kasparov's kind is as difficult and rare in chess as in any other field. But chess allows the humblest person who knows the rules to investigate thoroughly, though at second hand, the most sublime concept of the master. To follow in the mental footsteps of a Kasparov is a rare privilege indeed.

Not what they used to be

n astonishing row has bro-A ken out over the role of the Victoria and Albert Museum between Sir John Pope-Hennessy, its former director, and Lord Armstrong, the current chairman of the museum's trustees.

In an attack delivered from his home in Florence, Sir John, who is 77, says: "The state of the V&A is deplorable. Robert Armstrong should be replaced as chairman. We need someone new, a more careful board and a professional director. Museums can only be run properly by professionals.



Sir John's outburst trails the outspoken comments he promises in his autobiography, to be published in May, in which he will muse on what he regards as the recent damage inflicted on the museum he served for 36 years. He blames Armstrong for the shake-up instigated by the present director, Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, of nine senior curators. "There is no longer any sense of the museum's past or any constructive notion of its future," he says. Armstrong, the former cabinet

secretary best remembered for his "economy with the truth" remark during the Spycatcher trial in Australia, strongly refutes the anack. "Sir John is entitled to say what he likes but he is totally wrong. I do not accept that we need a professional chairman, If Sir John were still at the V&A he would hate it. He ran the place with great firmness. His remarks merely confirm the prejudice we knew he always had. They didn't call him 'the Pope' for nothing."

Ursa Major

ohn Major is the right man to lead Britain — his birth chart, the lines on his palms and an analysis of his bio-rhythms prove it. So says the latest Psychic News, basing its findings on a combina-tion of astrology (including the Chinese variety), chirology, numerology and graphology. The new prime minister, it says, has plenty of enthusiasm, energy and the will to succeed" - and offers advice on when not to call a general election.

Undeterred by the fact that nobody seems to know the exact time of Major's birth on March 29, 1943 - essential information for a truly professional birth chart -Peter West finds that the stars reveal "a leader with good ideas, and ambitious nature". What else, given the the position of the Sun

in pioneering Aries"?
Major's "youthful look", needless to say, comes from "Venus in



be dismayed to learn that the chart shows "Mars in freedom-loving Aries". Such an alignment can only mean that his "reformist tendencies will soon show through".

Donning his chirologist's hat West finds that Major's hand shows a heart line that is "set low and well-etched", signifying a down-to-earth approach. His good memory is attributed to the head line, "quite long and curved gently on to the top of the Luna mount" Not bad, given that the analysis is based on a photo of Major waving outside Number 10. But serious political pundits

will be interested in Psychic News's analysis of Major's biorhythms. A "triple critical period" from January 12 to 15 is predicted in the run-up to the Gulf deadline, while a general election in early May should be ruled out because Major will be "prone to error" between May 5 and May 10. However, the portents are good

for the week after.

Mail chauvinists 7 ith the cancellation last week of long-arranged independence talks. Taurus", but Tory hardliners will Lithuania has struck at least one

small blow against the Soviet empire with the issue of its own Christmas stamps. Its assertion of philatelic freedom comprises tour stamps depicting an angel and a cross superimposed on a map of the country, with the wording in Latin characters instead of the Russian Cyrillic. At present the stamps are valid only within Lithuania and the

fellow Baltic states of Latvia and Estonia, but the Lithuanian ministry of communications, ever optimistic, hopes to persuade Moscow to accept them nationally. Internationally, the stamps are not valid as they are not currently recognised by the Universal Postal Union.

A spokesman for the UPU at its head office in Berne says: "We would not accept the stamps until cither Lithuania was a member of the United Nations or was accepted as a sovereign state.

At present the prospect seems more remote than ever and it must be admitted that the philatelic symbols of independence already look somewhat forlorn. They are ungummed and unperforated, as the necessary machinery is not available in Lithuania. Provided the troops have not moved in, the next batch should be better; they are to be printed in recently liberated Leipzig, in Germany.

Asset strip

he Levitt Group may have collapsed into a quagmire of debt but its name lives on. proudly emblazoned on the shirts of Barnet Football Club. "The group paid its money for sponsorship for the whole of the 1990-1991 season," says the club's chairman, Stan Flashman, "and nothing is

going to stop us from continuing." . But if Roger Levitt himself faces further court appearances, is the association not an unfortunate one for a team that lies second in the GM Vauxhall Conference and hopes for promotion to the Football League next season? "It doesn't reflect on the players," insists Flashman. If they do play badly but still manage to win, the legal niceties might just spare us j the commentators trotting out that hoary old Saturday afternoon cliché about "stealing the points".

Tactical retreat

ne name is conspicuously absent from the list of 350 hopefuls who have applied to fight Eastbourne for the Conservatives at the next general election: Richard Hickmet. After his humiliating defeat by David Bellotti of the Liberal Democrats in the October by-election, when a Tory majority of 17,000 was overturned, he has decided to withdraw from active politics. Ann Murray, the constituency

agent, says Hickmet - formerly MP for Scunthorpe, where he was beaten in 1987 - has decided not to seek the nomination because of pressure of business and for personal reasons. More to the point, it seems, he would have had little chance when the Eastbourne association meets in February to select a candidate who barring a miracle, will win back the seat. Nor is Hickmet likely to find favour with any other Tory association in a winnable seat. As another prominent Conservative discovered recently when the polls put her far behind, the only sin in the modern Tory party is to be perceived as a loser.

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THE AMERICAN DIMENSION

What on earth should Nato do now? The task before the 16 foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, meeting in Brussels this week, is to adapt collective Western security to an emphatically new purpose: facing up to the likelihood of chronic instability to the East, instead of a straightforward Warsaw Pact invasion.

If the various plans of West European nations for collective European defence lead to better co-ordination of the much-vannted "European pillar" of Western defence, then the Americans, who have been irritated by the failure of EC governments to respond collectively to Iraqi aggression, will be the first to sigh with relief. The Europeans must, however, avoid the dangerous trap of a go-it-alone attitude to European (and international) security which ignores, or appears to ignore, the critical policing role of the United States.

American domestic pressures to withdraw from Europe need to be countered, not accepted as given. The way to do so, as Nato's secretary-general, General Manfred Woerner, said yesterday, is to transform Nato into something more like "a partnership of equals". Bluntly, that means that Europeans must pay more for American participation in the Continent's collective security. "Burden-sharing" must also imply a new readiness to respond to long-standing American appeals for co-operation outside the Nato area. Congress must not again be moved to ask why American troops are placing their life on the line for Germany's oil supplies.

America's reluctant readiness to supplement intercontinental nuclear deterrence by an intercontinental policing role remains vital to peace in Europe, and to containing the depredations of regional rogue elephants such as President Saddam Hussein. Those who hope that the European Community or the ninenation Western European Union could replace Nato must ask whether these clubs would really find the will, never mind the military coordination, to fight in defence of common

security, whether inside or "out of area". They must ask what would happen to the northern and southern fronts, since Norway and Turkey would both be outside any ECbased alliances. Those, still more optimistic, who hope that the peace machinery which is being assembled by the 35-nation European security conference, CSCE, will develop into an East-West security system should listen to the East Europeans. Worried by a security vacuum in Eastern Europe, Hungary and Czechoslovakia have warned against reducing the American presence below 100,000.

Europe is a set of nation states. All states, large and small, have interests. Collective organisations such as the European Community can mediate and diminish the competition between interests, but not abolish rivalry - let alone self-interest. The two greatest powers, Germany and Russia, have fluctuated between alliance and emnity through several centuries. Twice this century, clashes of interest have descended into total war. Since the second of those wars. Nato has acted as a brace against external appression. The "enemy" is no longer so clearly defined, but the need to keep the peace through collective security has not

thereby disappeared. Western Europe's ability to quell anxiety about old divisions and imbalances of power and wealth still rests, as it has done since the war, on an American military presence and nuclear guarantee. On that foundation, Nato has built machinery for co-ordinated military decision-making by independent nations. The EC or the Western European Union may be able to take diplomatic co-ordination further in selected areas. They may be able to assist in mixing and matching defence specification and procurement, making savings for all. They cannot outdo the effective balances achieved by Nato. The EC can carpet-bomb its enemies with acronyms, but as yet with little else.

None of this means that Nato will not benefit from a stronger European role and voice. The Supreme Allied Commander Europe (Saceur) has always been American. In future, that post might be held by European officers in rotation. But that is only thinkable if the Europeans continue to take the transatlantic dimension of Nato as seriously as it deserves. The Bush administration not only values the transatlantic link but is content to

see greater Europeanisation. France and Germany now seem to accept, as Britain has always done, the primacy of Nato. The rest of the EC should stop dreaming about taking over Nato and start focusing on tasks, not organisational envelopes. Strengthening the European side of the Atlantic partnership will take hard work. American interest in European security is the cement without which no European pillar can rest on a solid

FREE THE BIRMINGHAM SIX

The Birmingham Six should have been released by the Court of Appeal yesterday. That they are about to spend their 17th Christmas behind bars will do nothing for public confidence in the criminal appeal procedure under English law. The casual remark by Lord Justice LLoyd yesterday that he would not let his study of the papers "spoil our Christmas" is reminiscent, like so much of British justice at present, not of a modern judiciary but of Jarndyce v Jarndyce.

Even before yesterday's unsatisfactory outcome, the case for a thorough overhaul of the Court of Appeal had become irresistible. Pending reform and recognising public concern about this case and about criminal appeals in general, the two appellate judges should have intervened to bend the rules in the interests of justice.

The Six are still in jail partly because they refused to apply for bail. Their lawyers explained that they preferred on principle to leave custody only when their innocence has been declared. That is their right, though it does not relieve the burden on the legal system of seeing that the innocent are not imprisoned. Normally if somebody does not apply for bail that is no concern of the court. But in this exceptional case the court should have made their freedom its business.

Yesterday's hearing has added to the aiready strong expectation that the outcome, when it emerges, will be the quashing of the convictions. Counsel for the DPP, Graham Boal, twice reminded the court that the Six appellants have been in custody for 16 years, and it was in "the forefront of our minds" that there should be an expeditious end to the proceedings. Mr Boal is in charge of the review of the case and is aware of the results so far of fresh enquiries into it by the Devon and Cornwall police. His remarks are a clear indication of the way his mind is working. The two judges who presided at yesterday's preliminary hearing should have taken the

hint, and instead of standing on form should have urged the appellants to make a prompt application for bail, with their blessing. The prisoners would surely have applied forthwith.

The Six are also not yet free because the Director of Public Prosecutions, Allan Green, QC, is still insisting the appeal should be fully heard. He has declined to take the line he took in the similar circumstances of the Guildford Four, when the Crown chose not to present any evidence at all to the Court of Appeal. He has not yet said where the difference lies, and in due course the public - and the Six - are owed

The Birmingham Six were jailed for life in 1975 for the murder of 21 people in two IRA pub bombings. The convictions were based on tainted evidence, as became even clearer in the course of yesterday's proceedings. Enough is now known to raise the most profound doubts about the safety of those convictions. And from the Court of Appeal's point of view, there hangs over this case the same court's emphatic rejection of an earlier appeal in 1987. If there is an injustice to be corrected the Court of Appeal itself must take a substantial share of the blame. How the court conducts itself towards the Six now is vital if its public reputation is to be redeemed.

Mr Green's decision to ask the Court of Appeal to review all the evidence, rather than to make up his own mind, does not have to be his last word. He should think again when he has the full police report, expected at the end of January. He appears to have decided that in a case of such importance the full proceedings should take the form of a public inquest into what went wrong in the past, giving the Court of Appeal the chance to restore confidence in itself. Perhaps there is wisdom in that, but there is no reason for the Six to wait in their cells meanwhile. It is the appeals system itself which is now on trial, no longer the unfortunate Six.

SHOPS WITH DIRTY HANDS

Shopkeepers have misjudged their position on Sunday opening. Many of those who opened last Sunday and who say they will open again next, are calculating that the legal restriction on Sunday trading is an unpopular law and that little harm is done if they ignore it. They are right that the law is an ass. They are wrong in breaking it. The issue raised by their behaviour is not Sunday trading at all but the importance of being lawful.

The disregard for the law these shops are showing is a clumsy and self-interested challenge that does them no credit. Retailers who plead that they are having a lean time would hardly sympathise with an impovcrished thief who said the same. And shopkeepers who open illegally on Sundays, writing off any fines against profit, should realise they are using the same bookkeeping as any professional shoplifter who treats the penalty on being caught as merely a hazard of his trade. Shops would want such petty thieves prosecuted, and penalties imposed to make such crime unrewarding. That is how they must expect to be treated in turn.

What will Sunday shopkeepers say to any Sunday shoplifter they catch? That we are all in this together? They should be careful that some magistrate does not refuse to deal with a case of shoplifting committed in an illegaly opened shop on a Sunday, applying the wellestablished legal principle that those who ich the courts for justice must come with clean hands. Shopkeepers need the law rather more than it needs them.

The device of taking out court injunctions has already enabled some 50 local councils to raise the available penalties beyond the usual derisory level of fines in magistrates' courts, though injunctions have generally to be sought after the event. Subsequent breach of such an injunction would be a contempt of court, and those responsible could expect their defiance to be expensive. Last Sunday's trading has put local authorities on notice that they have a week in which to go to court for similar injunctions if they are to stop the rot.

Council officers now know some at least of the likely re-offenders. To deter the rest, the courts may be wise to make injunctions general, on the principle which makes an injunction banning publication of a certain item in one newspaper applicable to all the

The Shops Act is notoriously weak, illogical and in need of overhaul. The penalties have little deterrent value. It is well known that most shopkeepers do not like the act, but parliament has declined to repeal it. Like any special interest group that opposes a particular piece of legislation, their remedy should be the traditional one of campaigning for a change through parliamentary legislation. They have some good arguments on their side. They are not entitled to have them heard as long as they attempt to bully the law out of their way.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drawbacks for Britain in ERM

From Mr Michael Spicer, MP for A Bank of England loudly Worcestershire South (Conservative)

Sir, You said in your leader of December 14 "the highly political decision to enter the European exchange-rate mechanism last October and at an exchange rate of DM2.95 to the pound looked like a mistake at the time. Today this

can no longer be doubted . . I agree and said as much in the House of Commons two weeks ago. The crucial point for this country is the link between the present ERM bands and British interest rates.

Treasury ministers argue that the present levels of interest rates are part of a policy of reducing inflation. This position is now indefensible. Inflation was caused by excess money supply and too low interest rates in 1987-8. Inflation is now crumbling as it was bound to do because of the

Just as low interest rates some three years ago caused inflationary pressure last year, so continued high interest rates now could turn the recession into a full-blown slump next year or the year after. The true purpose of high interest rates now is not to reduce inflation but to maintain the position negotiated for sterling within the ERM.

The grave prospect is that as German interest rates rise to pay for the reconstruction of the East, so our interest rates will be dragged up further. The govern-ment cannot allow this to take place. Sterling must be uncoupled from its present relationship with the DMark. We must renegotiate the ERM bands and cut our

interest rates at once. The effect of not doing so is the likelihood that the Conservative party would lose the next election on the back of a gravely wounded

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL SPICER, House of Commons. December 17.

From Mr Austin Muchell, MP for Great Grimsby (Labour) Sir. Can one of the pundits,

propagandists and pressure groups who preached the benefits of joining the exchange-rate mechanism please tell me when to expect them? So far all I've noticed is:

An auction of despair among unions and business organisations as to whether it will produce 300,000, 500,000 or one million more unemployed.

A government desperate to bring down interest rates to stop recession's downward spiral but unable to do so because the pound is low in its bends.

'Listener' demise From Mr Ian Fleming-Williams

Sir, I was sad to read that The Listener is to cease publication (report, December 14). Its issue dated October 14, 1936, with its Early Autumn Book Supple ment", contained articles by W. B. Yeats, D. Lloyd George, Compton Mackenzie, F. T. Marinetti, Ezra Pound and J. L. Myres. Among the reviewers were the following: Bertrand Russell, H. W. Nevin-son, E. M. Forster, William Plomer, Ernest Jones, Seán O'Faoláin, Stephen Spender, C. Oman, Leonard Woolf, Herbert Read and Christopher Isherwood, Can you suggest where we should turn to now for a comparable read? Yours faithfully, IAN FLEMING-WILLIAMS.

Batheaston, Bath, Avon. December 15. From the Editor of The Spectator Sir, Your article on the demise of The Listener comprehensively misrepresented the condition of The Speciator. Our circulation is not "only 30,000" - it is in fact just shy of 40,000, close to its

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highest ever, and represents an increase of almost 10 per cent over the past year.

Alan Coren's remark that the weeklies "cannot keep the best columnists" is simply untrue of The Spectator, which numbers Auberon Waugh, Jeffrey Bernard, Frank Keating, Paul Johnson, Christopher Fildes, Charles

Moore and Craig Brown among its

Yours faithfully DOMINIC LAWSON, Editor, The Speciator. 56 Doughty Street, WC1.

Defence options From Vice-Admiral Sir James

Sir, Field Marshal Lord Bramall (December 8) rightly pointed out the dangers of carrying on with the disarmament programme, Op-tions for Change, and at the same time preparing for war of uncertain duration and ferocity. However, this appears to be the government's intention.

In introducing Options for Change the Secretary of State for Defence emphasised the reliance he will place on the reserves in planning the future security of our country. He added that he intended to make it possible to build up our forces again should this be needed in the future. The same point was made by heads of government in Article 14 of Nato's London Declaration on July 5-6,

As far as the Navy is concerned, fresh ships take years to produce. If we are to be able to rebuild the fleet at short notice, it will be essential to have in being a significant reserve of surface ships and submarines. These ships must not be just mothballed and forgot-

welcoming new support for sterling but now faced, as the pound fails in its bands, to spend from the reserves rather than raise interest rates. That's if it hasn't

already. An employment secretary preaching moderation in wage demands without telling workers that even if they took a cut we couldn't get back to the competitive level of late 1986, such is the degree of overvaluation at DM2.95 to the

Labour and Liberal leaderships

ready to throw away vital in-struments of national economic management as mere tokens of Euro-commitment, now rushing to offer more in their effort to embarrass government. Market partners who told us that

joining would demonstrate commitment and generate good will threatening that we will be left behind, out, or for dead, unless we accept full monetary union, sight A CBI, government, opposition,

and our poor, duped industry, who wanted membership for stability, now convinced that an early readjustment is essential though none dares say so publicly. Everyone knows devaluation is inevitable. All condemn the very

thought.
All this could be a matter of religious faith. Only those who truly believe can really see. In that case I am unworthy for being so obsessed with reality. Yet I do wonder whether the prophets who urged us into this mess, turned recession into disaster and blocked all the escape routes should now be believed when they tell us that the next requirement in that cargo cult is enthusiastic commitment to EMU. Are they right? Or will that bring us all the blessings a single currency has brought to East Germany?

Yours faithfully, AUSTIN MITCHELL, House of Commons. December 13.

From Mr Rhodri Morgan, MP for Cardiff West (Labour) Sir, The ministerial sales patter of the new John Major regime at 10 Downing Street is that he is offering us a classless society.

His actual economic policy is from today's appalling set of unemployment figures (report, December 14) quite apparent. It is to make the increasing numbers in the army of unemployed pay for the government's past mistakes in economic policy.

Yours, RHODRI MORGAN, House of Commons. December 14.

Road hump dangers From Mr Andrew Gibb

Sir, To put your article ("Another hump in the road, but is it legal?", "The Law", December 11) in perspective, the 1986 speed hump regulations give the maximum legal dimensions, viz., length 3.7 metres (about 11 feet); height 75

millimetres to 100 millimetres (about 3 inches to 4 inches). This hardly impedes the movement of traffic and is also within safety limits I would have thought. I would agree with your correspondent that those of equal and/or

greater height and/or considerably esser length are most unsafe and impede traffic's progress. On the first day of his university term. I had the unhappy experi-

ence of seeing an undergraduate on his motor cycle hit the latter type and sustain fatal injuries. Yours faithfully. ANDREW GIBB, Steele & Son (solicitors),

Castlegate, Chtheroe, Lancashire. December 11.

Cause and effect

From Dr T. M. Williams Sir, Regarding Mr Hugh Lowe's environmental query (December

 he should realise that snowfall follows Murphy's meteorological maxim, being inversely propor-tional to the number of local council gritting lorries. Strathclyde, having an excellent fleet of such lorries, rarely has heavy falls of snow.

Yours, T. M. WILLIAMS, 10 Alton Holdings, Milton of Campsie, Glasgow. December 12.

ten; they must be kept properly equipped, taken to sea from time to time and be ready for service at a few weeks' notice.

of reserve personnel must be trained to a high standard and be ready to take their place in the fleet. All this will be expensive, but if the government means what it says nothing less will suffice. Ships due to pay off must not be consigned to the scrapyard, from whence they can never return, until an adequate reserve fleet has been provided.

Yours faithfully. JAMES JUNGIUS Lawithick, Mylor Churchtown, Falmouth, Cornwall. December 12.

From Captain H. H. Bracken RN (reid)

Sir, Field Marshal Lord Bramall begs a number of important questions in his nostalgic letter about cuts in defence expenditure.

From now on defence expenditure will have to be cut to suit the manpower cloth. Reductions in service manpower are inevitable given the reduction in recruitable men (and women), the

From the Reverend D. J. Brecknell Sir. In your leading article today (December 11) you make tren-chant and useful criticisms of Mr Clarke's proposals for the appraisal of the performance of

principal weakness: that such appraisal will be carried out by senior teachers. (Only your front-page cartoonist has focused on this: "If I give you good marks — will you do the same for me?").

My experience as a parent (whose children are no longer at school, and one of whom is a teacher now), and as the chairman of two governing bodies, and my discussions with serving staff, as well as my sharing with teachers in the tasks of the classroom, all suggest that some at least of today's senior teachers are deeply imbued with those traits of educational philosophy which seem to lie at the root of the perceived weaknesses of education in state schools.

In particular, the sort of educational practice which denigrates the notion that teachers are employed to teach, rather than (as one headmistress succinctly expresses it) to expect children "to reinvent the wheel" in every generation, and which appears to spise the accumulated wisdom of the past.

Children want to learn. They, and their parents, are very perceptive about which teachers help them to learn. Sadly, they are too often unnecessarily diffident in the face of "professional" judgment and opinion. So too are

some governors.

If Mr Clarke wishes to discover (and perhaps reward) good teachers, and to uncover (and perhaps improve) less good ones, he might be well advised not to confine the task of appraisal within the teaching profession, but enable it to respond to the sympathetic, encouraging and deep concern of those it seeks to serve: the children and their parents within the educational system.

Yours faithfully, DAVID BRECKNELL St George's Rectory, Whyke Road, Chichester, West Sussex.

December 11. From Mr Robert Moffat

Sir, The Secretary of State for Education should give careful consideration to the sound advice you offer in your editorial. Few teachers would object to the principle of appraisal provided the criteria for assessment were pos-itive, impartial and fair, and were applied by people who were competent and experienced in the task assigned to them.

There is tremendous need for some sort of boost to the dangerously low morale among teachers; and it is not just a matter of pay. It is the whole climate in which they operate. There seems

Court procedure

From Professor S. J. Prais, FBA Sir. Perhaps the following incident may serve to urge more rapid improvements in the administration of justice in this country.

I was asked to appear as a witness at 9.30am, December 7, at a London court. I arrived at the stated time, and found the doors to the building locked; a number of others were also waiting outside, in the cold.

A notice on the doors said the building would not open until 9.45am. With the help of a telephone I eventually contacted a solicitor of the Crown Prosecution Service and was told that, in any event, the courts did not begin their session before 10.30am.

He was not able to explain why witnesses had been summoned for an hour before that - except that, perbaps, it was to ensure that they were not late. He could not explain at all why they were

Nature's-way From Mr M. Lawrence

Sir, Seen on a farm gate near the A272 in Sussex: "Organically grown Xmas trees for sale". Time for a quick rendition of "I'm dreaming of a green Christmas". Yours sincerely, M. LAWRENCE,

42 Grain Road, Wigmore, Rainham, Kent. December 14.

number of which will have fallen by over 20 per cent by 1995, and the fierce competition the services will face for the retention of skilled At the same time, large numbers manpower.

Even after a 6 per cent cut in defence expenditure Britain's will still be the highest, as a proportion of GDP, among the countries of the EC (except Greece). Can we afford to play such a large role as a world policeman and is it in the national interest so to do bearing in mind the economic problems with which we are faced? Germany, a powerful competitor, is already cutting its defence expenditure from a level that, in GDP terms, was lower than ours.

Would not "defence expenditure" be more effective if spent on helping to repair the ravages of communism in eastern Europe and binding countries like Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia into the European Community? What other power is likely to mount a military challenge to such a powerful alliance?

Yours faithfully, H. H. BRACKEN. The Old House, Groombridge, East Sussex. December 8.

Assessing the quality of teachers

to be little appreciation (apart from that of many parents) of their efforts, often in very difficult circumstances, and certainly there is insufficient emphasis on the importance of actual teaching. Sadly, the teacher who has failed teachers in the classroom.
You do not mention their to escape the classroom by the time he/she is 37 is likely to be

labelled a failure. As for the promotion system, that is something of a lottery where qualifications, experience and suitability do not rate very highly. Market forces simply do not operate in the teaching business and consequently too many talented teachers become disillusioned with the dismal prospect before them of stagnating in a slough of frustration that encourages them to seek a more rewarding career elsewhere as many have been doing.

Unless the appraisal procedure is introduced in the way you suggest there will be endless. unnecessary controversy and opposition. Some stability at the Department of Education would be a positive contribution to the solution. For example, Mr Clarke, assuming he will be long enough in the job, could concentrate his attention on causes rather than remedies.

if the government wants highquality teachers, it must apply the same market force criteria to them as it does in industry and business; that is, as Lord Joseph recently admitted, teachers must be paid the salaries required to retain the best and attract new entrants of the right calibre to fill the many vacancies. No doubt, Mr Clarke will grasp only those nettles that suit his purpose: it will be ap-praisal on the cheap and teachers won't get the benefit that derives from the sort of scrutiny and career development you describe. Yours faithfully, ROBERT MOFFAT,

70 Beggars Lane, Leek, Staffordshire. December 11.

From Dr P. Glaister

Sir, I thought that it was widely accepted that, in any worthwhile system of appraisal, an appraisee is encouraged to make constructive comments or criticisms about any aspect of their working environment, including the role of managers. This makes the process not a one-way, but a two-way process, and leads to the most effective management of person-

Unfortunately, this concept does not seem to be mentioned in the recently announced system of appraisal for teachers in England and Wales.

Yours faithfully, P. GLAISTER, The University of Reading, Department of Mathematics, Whiteknights, PO Box 220, Reading, Berkshire. December 11.

expected to wait in the street in the

More seriously, at the end of the case in which I gave evidence on the police side (it was a case of careless driving), the accused was given the opportunity of calling witnesses on his behalf. He said there was someone who was in the vehicle with him at the time whom he wished to call; but the magistrate refused, since that witness had been in court and had

listened to the case. The accused was not legally represented, and could not have been expected to know of any requirement for witnesses to with-draw at the beginning of a case; nor had any of the various court officials requested witnesses to withdraw. The magistrate apologised for the administrative error. Then he found the defendant guilty.

Can all this be right? Yours sincerely, S. J. PRAIS, 83 West Heath Road, NW3.

Posting early

From Mr and Mrs H. H. Campbell Sir, Post early for Christmas say the Post Office. Last date for cards by sea mail to Australia was October 6. Ours posted mid-September reached their destination by September 26. Surely this makes a mockery of the system. Yours truly, H. H. CAMPBELL

B. A. CAMPBELL, 5 Cleeve Court, Streatley, Reading, Berkshire.

In the wrong outfit From Mr Peter Rhodes

Sir, I am alarmed to read that your Gulf correspondent, Christopher Walker ("Testing times at Armageddon dress rehearsal", December 7), has been issued with something called an NCB suit. While the armed forces regularly practise for nuclear, biological and chemical warfare in NBC kit, the NCB suit is something entirely different.

I can only advise Mr Walker to check this outfit thoroughly. Is it made of bright yellow waterproof fabric? Does the helmet come complete with a lamp? Is it streaked with coal and marked property of Grimethorpe col-

liery" or similar? A few words with the quartermaster may be in order. Yours truly,

PETER RHODES, West Mere, Grounds Farm, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 17: The Duchess of York today presented the Association for Business Sponsorship for the Arts (ABSA)/Daily Telegraph Awards at The Royal National

Theatre, London. Her Royal Highness was received by The Mayor of Lambeth (Councillor George Hussh).

Mrs John Spooner and Captain Neil Blair RN were in attendance.

Wellington Barracks at 11.45. The Prince of Wates, Duke of Cornwall, will present the Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers' Duke of Corowall Award for 1990 at the Naval and Military Club at 4.00; and as Patron of the National Trust 1990 Storm Appeal for Trees, will give a reception at Kensing-ton Palace at 6.30.

Prince Edward will attend a 6.45.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Princess Margaret will attend

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of The Samaritans, will attend the annual Westminster Cathe-dral Christmas celebration at

Sovereign's Parade

THE Queen was represented by the Princess of Wales at the

won by J. M. Cowan.

The following have been granted commissions in the regiments and corps shown. having successfully completed standard military course no 901. The Sword of Honour was won by T. E. Haise.

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S P Jacobs, Hayer S Kent, SSC RE: A W Johnstone, Aberdeen GS, Reg C

Mr and Mrs B.H. Cooper, of Douglas, Isle of Man. and Mr G.C. Elton

The engagement is announced between Graham, only son of Mr and Mrs C.E. Elion, of Guildford, Surrey, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mrs S.R. Sampson, of Windsor and the late Mr Brian Anthony.

Dieppe, of Merstham, Surrey. Mr R.A.W. Goodman and Miss P.J. Blount
The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Goodman, of

Eton College, and Pamela, younger daughter of Mr Christopher and the Hon Mrs Blount, of Barkway, Hertfordshire. Mr M.G. Howe and Miss M-J.S. Russell

The engagement is announced between Matthew, elder son of between Matthew, eiger sour or Mr and Mrs Philip Howe, of and Mary-Jane, elder daughter of the Hon William and Mrs Russell, of Hadlow Down, East Sussex, Mr D.W. Jarvis

and Dr A.M. Campbell The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr Ted Jarvis, and of Mrs Margaret Jarvis, of Levens. Cumbra, and Alison, daughter of Dr Angus and Dr Norah Campbell, of Sale, Cheshire.

Mr J.G. Kench and Miss L.M. Savage Mr and Mrs Donald Savage, of Radient, Hernfordshire, have great pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Mr and Mrs Graham Kench, of Sydney Australia

Mr L T Liderroup The engagement is announced between Lars Thomas, vounger son of the late Mrs Lega Lidstrom and of Mr J.U. Liestrom, of Brighton, Victoria, and Melinda Jane, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs R.C. Shiell, of Brighton, Victoria, Germain, have asked for it for in 1958. In ling doogy stamps.

Kemble this morning for a visit to Paris, France. Mr. Peter Westmacott and Mr. Richard Arbuer were in

KENSINGTON PALACE

The Princess of Wales at tended a matinée performance of the 1990 Olympia Inter-national Show Jumping Championship at the Grand Hall, Olympia, London W14.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Foot Guards' new headquarters at Street, SW1, at 12.30 in aid of "Joy to the World" at the Albert Hall at 7.00 in aid of children's

Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on Friday. The Queen's Medal was

The following overseas cadets also passed out with a view to being commissioned in the armed forces of their countries. The winner of the Overseas Cane was W. M. Mbadi.

Cane was w. M. M. Moball.

N. S. Al. Kashram, Bahrain; J. O. Castellanos. Setize: D. G. Asril. Sotwana: A Abdul-Cantesu. Chang: K. P. Johnson. J. Samatca. R. N. Mason. Jamatca. R. I. Kasvembe, Malawi. K. I. Stn. Johari. Malayria. A. Dattl. Mohta: D. Mithud. Malayria. A. Dattl. Mohta: D. Mithud. Malayria. A. Dattl. Mohta: C. Seriegal; A. E. M. Korbl. Option O. Carmara. Senegal; A. E. Swazilland. S. F. Subero. Trinded and Tobago: Sultan Mohammed A.J. Barmaid. UAE: M. K. Al. Romatth. UAE: M. K. Al. Romatth. UAE: Abu. Dhabit. W. M. Moadl. Uganda.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.A. Cooper and Miss V.J. Norman The engagement is announced between Gareth, eldest son of Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Norman, of Pinkneys

and Miss S.E. Anthony

Mr P.J.R. Fry and Miss J.K. Dieppe

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Fry, of Reigate, Surrey, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles

Unham, Hampshire, Mr R.A. Well and Miss A.S. Bingemann
The engagement is announced
between Richard, eldest son of Australia, and Mary-

Mr S. Phiop

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 15, at St Margaret's Chapel, Edinburgh Castle, of Sam, son of Mr and Mrs William Phipps, and Clunic, youngest daughter of General Sir Michael and Lady Gow. The service was conducted by the Rev Charles

Mr J.J. Woodward Whiteleaf, Buckinghamshire, to Joyce Waterhouse, of Saint

OBITUARIES

PRINCE JOHANNES OF THURN AND TAXIS

December 17: The Prince of Wales left Royal Air Force Johannes Baptista, Prince of Thurn and Taxis, businessman and industrialist and heir to one of Europe's largest estates, died in Munich on December 14, aged 64, following a second heart transplant operation. He was born in Höfling Castle, near Regensburg, on June 5, 1926.

> IOHANNES Baptista de Jesus Maria Louis Miguel Friedrich Bonifazius Lamoral, Prince of Thurn and Taxis was born rich and died even richer. His family wealth originated in the beginning of the 16th century, when an ancestor was given the franchise by the Emperor Maximilian I to run what is claimed to be the world's first postal service. The family's importance was recognised in 1695 when it was given an hereditory princedom. Paid enormous compensation when the monopoly was taken away during the last century, the family used the money to buy property and established itself as landed gentry, funding charitable works such as a soup kitchen for the poor and for students which is still operating in Regensburg. this atmosphere between the

wars. His mother, Princess Maria Anna, was a princess of the Portuguese house of Braganza and his father, Prince Karl was the second son of the house of Thurn and Taxis. He inherited the title in 1971 only because his elder brother's son had been killed serving with the German army at Stalingrad. During the years of Nazi rule, the family did its best to distance itself from Hitler and the Nazi party. Prince Johannes grew up largely isolated from the horrors of the world outside the

To reduce death duties his grandfather, Prince Albert, decided to leave him the bulk of the estate as he would one day inherit the title. Just 26 when

Lavington, MBE, former cir-

effortlessly achieved six such

appointments and served on

the bench for well over 20

In 1962 he became deputy

chairman of Dorset Quarter

Sessions; in 1970 he became

deputy chairman of Wiltshire

became deputy chairman of Cornwall.



Prince Albert died in 1952, family wealth. The estates in Prince Johannes became one western Germany alone exand bought into property, financial services and industry. The industrial empire included glass- and brickworks, a brewery, metal and wood workshops, furniture factories and financial serkerage firm and was recmen in the world.

Property, however, remained the largest part of the owned around 50 businesses, spared death duties.

happy enough to escape to appointment was as judge in that part of the world he loved

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His Honour Michael Hampshire Quarter Sessions.

dicial appointment and are 1972 in Bristol but his last

MANY lawyers find them- corder there until his death. in 1939.

HIS HON MICHAEL LAVINGTON

reason of age. After this his officer with Tito and the

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peace in Cornwall from 1974 rived his love and admiration

might easily be overlooked. for the people there. In Greece

Yet his considerable know- he saw the victory of the allies

experience was drawn upon love of tradition and ceremo-

of the wealthiest young men in tend to 32,000 bectares, of Europe and promptly set which 28,000 hectares are about building up the family forests. With the unification of interests. He expanded the the country the family is now business of its private bank expecting to be able to recover the 1,500 hectares it owned in the former East Germany. With the money obtained by selling land on which the University of Regensburg was built, the prince bought 10,000 hectares in Canada and the vices. In 1987 he bought a half United States and another in forestry products.

All this followed a reason-

Lavington his war service in

with several thousand employees on their payrolls. His great wealth meant that he was seen by society writers as one of Europe's most eligible bachelors, but it was not until Schönburg-Glauchau, a pretty imperial splendour in Regensburg cathedrai. After their marriage they

became famous for their high life style, with "Gloria" capturing headlines by dancing through the night with personalities like Mick Jagger, riding motorbikes and wearsuccession, two daughters and

Prince Johannes inherited the title himself only in 1982, when his father died. In the past couple of years he had himself been suffering increasingly from heart disease. On October 28 he had a heart transplant, but it was not very successful and he was given a second heart in a Munich hospital. He died 48 hours

which he said was "too low

1980 when he was 53 that he finally married. His bride was Mariae Gloria, Countess of 20-year-old from an aristocratic but impoverished family which had been forced to flee from its ancestral home in Saxony when the Russians invaded in 1945. The couple married amid well-nigh

ing punk hair-dos. She also had three children in quick Prince Albert, now aged seven, who is the sole heir of

Estimates of his wealth have been as low as DM2.2 billion, and as high as DM5 billion. which experts believe is too high. This does not include the value of his fine collections of coins, books and castles. The family seat near Regensburg has 500 rooms and a library with a quarter of a million share in a New York bro- 56,000 hectares in Brazil. A books. When Prince Johannes significant part of the family became aware that he was ognised as one of the richest business interests is therefore seriously ill he began trying to restructure the family busi-All in all Prince Johannes nesses so that his son would be

He emerged from these In the meantume in 1964 he ably active life: called to the years with an MBE to rejoin cuit judge, died on December 1 became recorder of Barnstable bar in 1936, joining the west- his beloved western circuit aged 78. He was born on June and held this office until it ern circuit; racing chain- and was soon to acquire the 21, 1912. ceased to exist in 1972, but driven Frazer Nashes at title among his fellow barthen became honorary re- Brooklands; and into the army risters of "attorney general" of Wiltshire Quarter Sessions, so selves content with one ju- He became a circuit judge in Fortune gave Michael formidable was he as a prosecutor. The affection was far from one-sided. His lasting achievement was to retain and increase lawyers' respect for him. Apart from his releatless independence and dedication

to justice, he will be remembered for his kindness and consideration, particularly to young and inexperienced lawwhen he was made responsible nial with the organisation of yers.

Quarter Sessions; in 1971 he for training magistrates in the military parade in Athens His marriage was dissolved in 1968 and he leaves a son.

The mixture of crude and

more advanced millstones in

the Sec wreck is important, the

investigators say, because it

shows that both types were

available at the same time,

rather than one developing

ship can now be seen to have

started on the Greek island of

Samos (where 150 amphorae

were loaded) and continued.

perhaps by way of Athens and

Syracuse on Sicily, to Pantelle-

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vessels, also found in the

wreck, were acquired, and the

investigators suggest that the

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The destination of the mill-

stones, and the rest of the

cargo, remains a mystery. The

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The last voyage of the Sec

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FRED POTTER

Frederick James Potter, OBE, nities and promoted what former general secretary (1940-1968) of Barnardo's and chief of staff (1950-1968), died was born on February 2, 1908.

AS THE sirens of the blitz sounded across London in 1940, a young chartered accountant, Fred Potter, took office as general secretary of the then Dr Barnardo's Homes in charge of finance, fund-raising and all administrative duties. 'F. J. P.", as he was affectionately known throughout the organisation, had joined the charity as assistant general secretary three years previously and one of the earliest administrative tasks he faced proved one of the most dramatic and challenging of a long career spanning almost 31 years.

F. J. P. was to organise the evacuation of children in the charity's care in order to safeguard their lives at the outbreak of the second world war. Most were living within miles of London's city centre, in large communities in Essex, at the Barnardo's girls' village homes at Barkingside, Ilford and the boys' garden city at Woodford Bridge.

The whole operation was completed in just three days with 2,500 children, equipped with sacks, satchels and gasmasks, as well as sandwiches for the journey, relocated to homes in safer areas all over the country. When the blitz began, Potter had another major organisational task moving many of Barnardo's important papers and some departments out of London. Admissions were at their highest since the 1920s as air raids took their toll and Barnardo enquiry agents searched London's streets, rescuing stray children, victims of accident, bereavement and also neglect. There was a severe shortage of trained staff and these combined problems strained even Potter's

But this great disruption of Barnardo's set in train two things. The geographic dispersal of the children to all parts of the country, including Scotland for the first time, led to Barnardo's development into the national child care organisation it is today, working all over the United Kingdom. It also triggered a wise and highly successful investment policy in land buying. For after the war, properties were purchased in all parts of the country to develop as homes where the growing numbers of children in

The shrewd, far-sighted Potter saw clearly the opportu-

came to be known as "the field next door policy." Every time Barnardo's acquired a propon December 10 aged 82. He erry, Potter would urge the purchase of any neighbouring land. This allowed homes to expand if the need arose or the extra land - often leased to a neighbouring farmer for grazing - remained as a hidden . asset. This policy proved invaluable in the 1960s and 1970s when Barnardo's needed to cash in on its financial reserves to pay for its changing work as a need for residential homes lessened and the charity began developing into new areas.

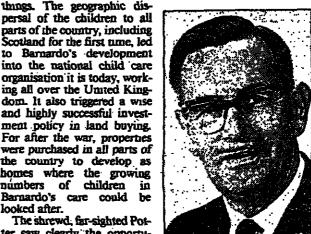
In other ways, too, Potter built up the charity's finances His ground work helped to increase legacy income, which today is the charity's largest single source of voluntary

Potter's commitment to the post of general secretary was enormous, both in terms of time and energy. While hisdays were spent solving administrative problems, evenings were often taken up with " public meetings. At weekends he frequently visited some of the charity's homes.

He was among the first to urge greater co-operation be- 🖫 tween not only the voluntary societies but also with the state. With five others he founded the National Council of Voluntary Child Care Organisations (NCVCCO) and for many years was the nonorary secretary, becoming its chairman in 1967. Potter also took a deep interest in . child care work overseas. He was instrumental in encouraging the development of Barnardo's in Kenya, Austra--lia and especially New Zea-

In 1950 Potter took on an additional position at Barnardo's as chief of staff, an "ombudsman" role in which he was responsible for personnel matters and for calling joint staff meetings where matters of policy were indiscussion.

He leaves his widow, Irene, and two sons.



IAN TRETHOWAN

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passed him by and he loved to share them with his like-

lan handled his illness not -just with gallantry but with a happy determination to make . and fun he brought to every the most of every day, Racing, occasion. A loyal, thoughtful music, friends and family friend with a wicked delight in enriched his illness - many of the political gossip of the day us will remember him with

and Miss H.N. Truebl Mr and Mrs Peter Trueblood, of Kensington, London, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Hilary to Niall, son of Mr and Mrs Michael McNevin, of Great Malvern, Mr N.E. Palmer

and Ms F.M. Sorotos The engagement is announced between Nathan, elder son of Mr Emmanuel S.S. Palmer, of Geneva, and Mrs Margaret Palmer, of Menorca, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Sorotos, of Cardiff. Mr D.R.W. Potter

and Miss T.J. Benson The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W.E. Potter, of Durweston, Dorset, and Jill only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Benson, of New York, USA. Mr E. Weke

and Miss K. Leavett-Shenley The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Wake, of Fairfield House, Hambledon, Hampshire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr John Leavett-Shenicy and the late Mrs John Leavett-Shenley, of The Holt,

Mr and Mrs Richard A. Wall, of New York, NY, and Anna Susan, daughter of Mr Geoffrey Bingemann and of Mrs Susan Vincent, both of Perth, Western

Marriages

and Miss J. Waterbouse
The marriage took place on
December 7, in Bournemouth, Mr and Mrs John Woodward, of Miss Juhene Waterhouse, elder daughter of Mr Donald Waterhouse, of Paris, and Mrs

Church news

Next Archdeacon of Cleveland The Rev Canon Christopher Hawthorn, Vicar, St Martin's: Scarborough, Rural Dean of Scarborough, diocese York, and a Canon of York, is to be Archdeacon of Cleveland, same diocese, succeeding the Ven Ronald Woodley, who retires on 14 February 1991.

The Rev Timothy R Barker, Vicar, All Saints, Runcorn, diocese Chester; to be also Diocesan Communications Officer, same diocese.

The Rev Nicholas Bell, Vicar Bricket Wood, diocese St Al-bans: to be Vicar, Luton, St Mary, same diocese.

The Rev Peter J W Blackburn, Chaplain, Christ Church, Naples, Italy, diocese Europe: to be in, St Vincent's, Algarve, Portugal, same diocese. Church in Wales

The Rev William Edward Kelly, Chaplain, Woodbridge School, Suffolk; to be Vicar of St Paul's, Newport, diocese of Mon mouth.

Birthdays today

Sir Brian Batsford, illustrator and former MP, 80; Field Marshal Lord Bramall, 67: Herr Willy Brandt, former chan-cellor, Federal Republic of Gernany, 77; Miss Frances Crook, director, Howard League for Penal Reform, 38; Lieutenant-Commander L.E. Fraser, VC, 70, Mr Christopher Fry, dramatist, 83; Miss Rosemary Leach, actress, 55; Mr J.C.S. Mott, civil engineer, 64; Mr Albert Pacey, chief constable, Gloucestershire, 52; Miss Annette Page, balle-rina, 58; Mr Merlyn Rees, MP, 70; Dr Joyce Reynolds, Roman historian, 72; Mr Kerth Richards, Rolling Stones' guitarist, 47; Lord Robens of Woldingham, 80; Major-General Sir Regunald Scoones, 90; the Earl of Shrewsbury, 38; Mr Steven Spielberg, film maker, 43; Mr Joe Wade, trades unionist, 71; the Right Rev R.K. Williamson, Bishop of Bradford, 58.

Queen's College, Taunton

The appointment is announced of Mr Christopher Bradnock, Deputy Head of Ashville College, to be Headmaster of Queen's College, Taunton, from September 1991, on the retirement of Mr Paul Hodgson, who has held the post since 1979. Violin maker, Cremona, Italy, Atlania, Georgia, 1971.

| which resulted in the resignation latter, Dut Yory manufacts with

Cargo reveals route of Greek ship's fateful last journey

and was enabled to include his

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

to celebrate victory.

been reconstructed by analysis rough surface is good for of its cargo of millstones. Geochemical sourcing sug-

ests that the vessel had sailed from the Turkish coast and hopped from island to island west along the Mediterranean. until the ship was sunk off Mallorca in Spain. The work, carried out by Drs O. Williams-Thorpe and

R. Thorpe of the Open university, corroborates the pattern of the voyage suggested by the amphorae on board, but adds several other ports of call to those at Athens and Carthage initially proposed.

The wreck, found off the island of Sec in Palma bay, contained about 40 millstones, some possibly taken on as resaleable ballast as the original cargo was offloaded during the voyage, which took place around 375-350 BC. Two of the mills were of the Pompeiian type, a rotary grinder fashioned a century earlier than previous evidence for the type indicated, and made of ignimbrate from quar-

ries in Sardinia, 'hopper-rubber" type, in which the upper stone was

preacher and hymn writer, Epworth, Lines, 1707, Hector

Hugo Munro (Sakı), writer, Akyab Burma, 1870, Su Joseph

John Thomson, physicist, No-bel laureate 1906, Manchester,

856; Francis Thompson, poet,

Preston, 1859: Paul Klee,

painter, Berne, 1879.

THE route of the last voyage a site west of Sicily and but part of the ship's kitchen of a Greek merchant ship Tunisia. They were all made equipment, loaded at the nearly 2,400 years ago has of grey volcanic lava, whose beginning of the voyage.

grinding. Examination of thin sections of the rock, and the use of x-ray fluorescence to establish the pattern of trace elements present, enabled the analysts to narrow the possible sources of the lava considerably. The ratios of titanium to zirconium, zirconium to vanadium, and strontium to chromium showed a high degree of correspondence with the lavas of Pantelleria, a small island between Sicily and Tunisia.

The same ratios distinguished the lavas from those of the Levant, Spain and Germany.

Rock samples from Pantellaria suggested that most of the milistones could be traced back to three quarry areas on the north coast of the island, two of them adjacent to the present port. They were probably exported as finished goods, unlike Roman mills which were often left for the customer to finish off.

One distinct mill came not Most of the mills were of the from Pantellaria, however, but from the small island of Nisyros in the Aegean, just off rubbed laterally over the the coast of Turkey; it was lower, while grain was in- made from a basaltic andesite troduced through a slot in the with a substantially higher top. These were the typical silicon and lower iron content corn-mills of classical Greece, than the Pantellarian mills. It Source: Archaeometry 32: 115but are the first reported from was probably not a trade item, 137,

Anniversaries

ship was not blown off course, however - Ibizan amphorae show that it had already stopped in the Balearics. The investigators say: "We must conclude that we see

here the only evidence of a rarely undertaken trading venture attempting the transport and sale of hopper-rubber mills to western regions where they were a novelty. Whether this innovative trading venture would have been successful can now never be known."

Mappa museum

BIRTHS: Charles Wesley, 1737; Alexander Adam, edu-Work will begin in the new cator, Edinburgh, 1809; Thomas Dunham Whitaker, topog-rapher, Blackburn, 1821, Jean year on a museum-in the grounds of Hereford cathedral to display the mappa mundi. Baptiste de Lamarck, naturalist, Paris, 1829; Samuel Rogers, poet, London, 1855; Sir Richard Owen, biologist, Newton, Powys, 1858; Sir John Alcock, The 13th-century map was withdrawn from auction last year after the philanthropist John Paul Getty and the aviator, killed in an air crash, National Heritage Memorial Fund put up £3 million to Cottevvard, France, 1919; Rob-

keep it at Hereford.

Dinners

Eurocean-Atlantic Group The Earl of Bessborough, President of the European-Atlantic Group, presided at a dinner beld last night at St Ermin's Hotel to bid farewell to the French Ambassador and Vicomtesse Luc de La Barre de Nanteuil Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, chairman, also spoke, Among

those present were: 10082 present were:
The Ambamador's of the Republic of
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Sir Antony Buck. OC. MP. and Lady
Buck. Sir Neghajib Fibbert and Baron
and Baroness Robert Rothechiel.

Maccabaeans

Lord Justice Balcombe, President of the Maccabaeans, pre-sided at the annual Chanukah dinner held last night at the King David Suite. Dr Baruch Blumberg, Master of Balliol College, Oxford, and Sir Jack Zunz were the guests of bonour. Mrs Lihan Wick, bonorary secretary, also spoke. Cardiff Business Club The President of Cardiff Business

Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr Brian K. Thomas, the Right Hou the Lord Mayor of Cardiff,

Arthritis and Rheumatism Council chair of rheumatology, from December 1. Professor David Onions, titular professor in the department and director of the Leukaemia Research Fund's human kukaemia virus centre in the university,

Glasgow

Appointments Andrew Bate, Fellow of Trinity

Education. Lady Hayward

A service of thanksgiving for the ife of Lady (Georgie) Hayward will be held on Tuesday, Janu-ary 29, 1991, at 11.00 am at St Jude's Church, Counfield Gar-

dens, London, SW7,

Councillor John Smith, the Chauman of South Glamorgan County Council, County Councillor William Bowen, and Lord Brooks of Tremorfa, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Coal Exchange. Cardiff, last night, following a meeting of the Club where the

guest speaker was the Right Hon David Hunt. Secretary of State

for Wales. Mr Geoffrey Inkin. Cardiff Bay Development Corporation, presided. Service dinners

HMS Victory Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was host at a dinner held last night on board HMS Victory for the Royal Naval Reserve. Commodore M.B.F. Frame and commanding

officers of RNR units were Dresent. Combined Cadet Force General Sir Richard Vincent, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, was the principal guest at the annual officers' dinner of the Combined Cadet Force Association held last night at the Imperial Hotel. Wing Commander J.A. Dickson was in the

Richard Cooke, Professor in

Neonatal Medicine (Personal

Chair), Department of Child

Kelvin Everest, Lecturer in

English, University of Leicester,

has been appointed to the

Andrew Cecil Bradley Chair of

The university has conferred the

status and title of professor

upon David Brodie, Director of

Movement Science and Physical

Modern English Literature.

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University news

Alfred Chair of English Dr Roger D. Sturrock, senior lecturer in medicine, has been appointed to the new McLeod-James Bruce, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, has been appointed to the Chair of Pure Mathematics.

Health, University of Liverpool, has been appointed to the Chair has been appointed to the chair of Paediatric Medicine. of veterinary pathology, from December i

Liverpool

Hall Cambridge, and joint College Lecturer in English, Trinity Hall and Girton College, has been appointed to the King

Party

HM Government

Michael Forsyth, Minister for Education and Health at the Scottish Office, was host at a party held yesterday in Edinburgh Chatle for Children of

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ANNIVERSARIES

NOSTHEM. SELDWINE - On December 18th 1940 at Bourton-on-the-water. Captain John Northen to Availa Jeugwine.

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The East-end workers are fine sportsmen, and their great delight is to breed and race boming pigeons. They decided to have a Homing Pigeon Show for the "orspital". Some breeder of pedigree stock had given

20 pigeons for sale by auction. The War Office had kindly lent for exhibition some pigeons used during the war and associated with deeds which made all England ring. This beautiful bird, with a leg shot off, was sent from a ship which was attacked by enemy submarines in the North Sea. The enemy tried to kill the pigeon, but it got through, though wounded, to Harwich, and delivered its message. Destroyers raced to the rescue and saved the crew of the sinking ship. This one had carried a despairing message in France from a battalion surrounded - "Send help at once, cannot hold out." It, too, got through and fell on the floor of its loft wounded and exhausted; but it had saved a battalion. Then there were the birds the men were showing: here was the homer that had won the race from Jersey, and this one from Thurso had flown during the night of the great storm in July last. They were beautiful to look upon, fearless through much handling, alert, glossy.

bright-eyed, all bred for 100 genera-

tions, "for pluck and pace" as the men said. I am to open the show at 2 o'clock. A letter was handed to me sent from a well-wisher in Clacton. He would loose a homer from the pier-head at 12 on the day of the Show with a cheque on its leg. If it reached the Show by the time I opened it he would double the cheque. It would fly to a loft in Stratford - two miles

away. A man was watching the loft and would hurry with the homer to the Show. I read out the letter. "And I'll double that", said a voice.

"And I'll double that", said another. "Not fair," said someone; "it's blowing on the coast, and it's thick down the river — no homer could do

"Yet he'll do it," said an old man.
"I know the bird. Strain of 'Audacious' has the pluck of that blood."

I could kill time no longer. I must begin the Show. But I would keep talking as long as I could. There were still enemies to be fought. There were bad things that should not be in our beloved England - cancer should not be and consumption should not be. And so we turned for help to the pigeons again, that lives that had no beauty in them might know beauty. They tell me God loves some of his creatures more than others and

surely a homing pigeon is very near to His heart. At this point there was some disturbance at the entrance. "Damn the change!" said an angry voice. Who-ever he was he got in and pushed his way through to the platform. He had no overcost and was wet through. In his hands, and held very tenderly, a pigeon, a beautiful red chequer: on its foot,

clumsily fastened by a rubber band a folded cheque. When the cheering stopped I

finished my speech.

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MEADOWS - On December
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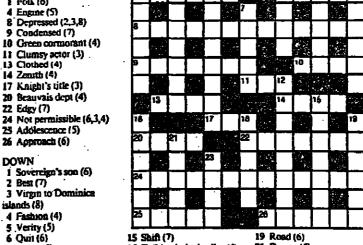
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Reach for the star — and the tatty fairy



Tradition is fighting modernism at the top of the Christmas trees of leading designers

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NOWHERE are those who care about design more deeply divided than over what to stick on top of the Christmas tree. Should the modern tree be dressed with monochromatic restraint or joyful vulgarity? For some, only the traditional fairy will do, charming with her slightly outre tattiness; for others, the modern designer-tree cries out to be finished with some custom-made object, stylishly eccentric.

The interior designer Nina Campbell is firmly in the tatty fairy camp (although for some reason, fairies are now almost universally referred to as angels). Christmas at her Chelsea home will be strictly traditional.

"My elder daughter, who is 17, and I have decided that good taste trees incredibly bad taste," Miss Campbell says. "I much prefer something for the top that's been around a long time; until this year we always had an angel that my children's nanny and I made 17 years ago. But she has finally fallen apart. I have bought a gold archangel from the United

gold dress that sticks out." The dress designer Caroline Charles also has an angel: hers is antique, handed down from her mother - "much loved, even though the gold bits have mostly word off". Failing a convenient angel heirloom, she favours "anything made, rather than bought, especially something natural,

States, with a wonderful wired

made with berries and holly". David Mlinaric, the interior designer, tops off his tree with a different object each year, "but always something one of the children has made - either an angel or a star cut out of paper". Failing that, he would follow the current fashion for Christmas tree bows: "I would tie a big tartan or red bow with trailing ends right at the top - as full as possible; trees are lovely if they are overdone."

Paul Dyson, the former display

manager for Harvey Nichols and visual merchandising director for Harrods, now runs his own visual merchandising business. He always has a big tree at his Islington house. "I put a star on top, about 14 inches across, and made of that honeycombed foam stuff now used as ceiling plaster material. I bought mine at Sandersons. I have stuck thousands of little diamante stones all over it, and made an outer ring of glass icicles, to look like rain. I like my tree with real candles, and the star sparkles

Simon Wilson, of the jewellery designers Butler & Wilson, is decorating the 12ft tree in his Chelsea house entirely in gold. "At the top I shall have a huge gold

bow, made of the paper ribbon that florists use. I like things

I would tie a that are home-made." Stars are best, says Nicholas Haslam, the artistic director of the FSI Group of design consultants. He suggests making up a bundle of tiny white lights to make one that twinkles. "Alternatively you could have a bunch of gilded fruit - little pine-

apples and cherries sprayed gold." David Shilling, the designer best known for his hats, is not having a tree himself because his house is too small, but suggests other people might use jewellery. "I don't think people should have Jewellery is a good investment. Diamonds are best, then rubies. Emeralds are too subtle."

Oldfield will not be having a tree either - "damned messy things, shedding their needles everywhere". With a mind to recession, he suggests making a "Blue Petertype star and writing positive thoughts on it. We must revive the Dunkirk spirit and talk ourselves out of this depressing recession.' What sort of thoughts? Mr Oldfield could not think of any.

GERALDINE BEDELL

Subtle message in a bottle

Anthea Gerrie reveals the shape of things to come

in the new age of smell

n the fragrance industry, 1990 will be remembered as the year sledgehammer scents slipped out of fashion, beralding the return of subtler, more romantic fragrances. We are at the end of the era when knock-'em-dead-in-the-boardroom potions such as Giorgio and Poison were thought to be as necessary a part of a woman's armour as shoulder pads, and are moving into times when fragrance resumes its traditional role as an instrument of self-expression.

This also promises to be an age of spectacular bottle design, producing new collectables that will one day be considered as classic as the Chanel No 5 flask on show in New York's Museum of Modern Art. The newest vary from those as spare as Chanel's. celebrating its seventieth birthday next year, to richly embellished flights of fancy.

Vicky Tiel, an American designer, has chosen a seductive bottle to contain her first fragrance. Venus rises in the form of a crystal, naked-lady stopper, which, despite a precedent discovered in museum research. was at first pronounced technically un-feasible by modern glass producers. Nevertheless, an investment of millions in custom-moulding brought it forth, with a complementary eau de parfum flacon around whose frosted blue sides Venuses disport themselves in bas-relief.

The fragrance incorporates what are laimed to be rare aphrodisiacs and, like the sexy creations Ms Tiel makes in Paris for customers such as Ivana Trump and Sophia Loren, is intended as a man-trap.

More subtle in approach but no less lavish in presentation is the rich bouquet of flowers, fruit, musk and vanilla from Kenzo, the Japanese-born designer, which recently arrived in department stores. His pleasing pebble-shaped bottle has a wild rose and a peony rising high above the stopper in frosted bloom. It is impossible to carry, so a flat, flower-sculpted glass stone has been fashioned for the handbag version.

ortability is always a problem with fragrance, particularly full-strength perfume housed in crystal, which requires an inordinate amount of cushioning in a disproportionately large box. An ingenious solution comes from a leading "nose", Guy Robert, the creator of scents for Rochas, Hermès and Dior.

M Robert's Exclusively Yours line is a custom-blending operation that allows a woman to create her own formulation, taking into consideration her fragrance preferences and skin chemistry. It comes packed for supersonic flight or Everest backpacking expeditions in a crystal flask, protected by a snug leather trunk.

Presentation is crucial, as was demonstrated last year by the attempt to resurrect another Guy Robert confection, Madame Rochas. The new owners correctly identified an early-Sixties revival and decided to relaunch the smell of 1960, but changed the familiar packaging to new colours which apparently failed to evoke

Classics of past decades owe their success



Goddesses with a lot of bottle: the new aphrodisiac-laced scent by Vicky Tiel has frosted blue Venuses on the can de parfum flask

in part to an unforgettable bottle - Nina Ricci's L'Air du Temps springs immediately to mind, with its Lalique dove stopper, and Baccarat's Mitsouko bottle, as appealing now as when it was unveiled by Guerlain 80 years ago. Guerlain is famous for its beautiful bottles, many designed by members of the family, but the diluted versions of its fragrances have been committed to standardised packaging, which lacks the charm of the perfume flasks.

Packaging integrity throughout the line has been preserved by the Italian house of Byblos, which draws inspiration from the

rich, iewel tones of the apothecary's counter for its clear cobalt and aquamarine bottles with chocolate fondant stoppers. Fruit, flowers, pepper and musk combine to produce a pleasing scent which, like the containers, embodies a certain modern audacity. But none of this year's containers is quite as audacious as the heart, with what looks like a protruding aorta for a stopper, created by enfant terrible designer Christian Lacroix for his C'est la Vie fragrance.

The world's best-seller continues to be Chanel No 5. Its popularity must be due partly to the imagery of Marilyn Monroe

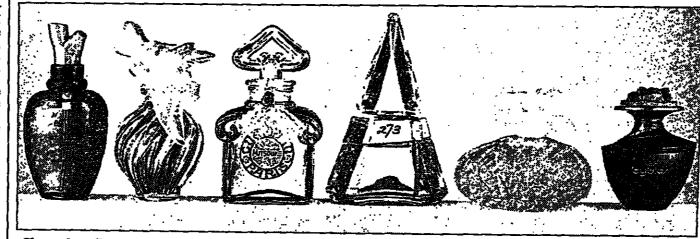
slipping between the sheets, but there is also something inherently pleasing about a simple bottle with plain, bold graphics. The same packaging principles have been apphed to Chanel's new man's fragrance, Egoiste. Both No 5 and Egoiste are helped along handsomely by the expensive and dramatic commercials that Chanel makes with the money it saves on packaging.

One of the most striking of the newer packages is the heavy crystal pyramid housing a perfume called 273. Jet-setters will recognise this as the Beverly Hills telephone prefix, but it is also the Rodeo Drive address of its founder, Fred Hayman. This Swiss-born fashion retailer has produced a strong but ladylike scent redolent of gardenia and expensive nights out.

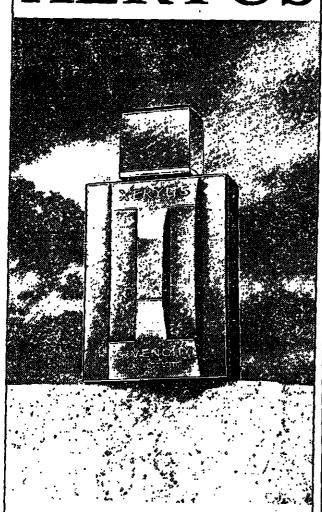
Budget-minded shoppers can take comfort from the fact that there are many ways to give fine fragrance other than the traditional ounce of perfume for £150. Eau de parfum is a strong enough concentration even for night-time, and perfumed bath oil is the next best thing to the pure essence. Where they are available, soap, tale and body lotion are delicious underpinnings.

One final note of caution - never buy a huge scent bottle unless its prime function is as a dressing-table ornament. The fragrance will have evaporated long before its user can manage to splash her way to the bottom.

Vicky Tiel and Exclusively Yours are sold only in Harrods; 273 and Byblos are exclusive to Harvey Nichols. Other fragrances in leading department stores and perfumeries nationwide.



Classy glass: (from left) C'est la Vie, L'Air du Temps, Mitsouko by Guerlain, Fred Hayman's 273, Kenzo's pebble, and Byblos



Nostalgia by the sackload

Santa is back where he belongs this year as Christmas cards play safe

port in recent years, Santa will be back in his sleigh this Christmas. Not because the jolly chap has acquired a fashionable concern for his Arctic environment, but because Santa's travelling nabits have been shaped by

We've tried to put him on a bicycle and a spaceship," says Sheila Sanders, a spokeswoman for Hallmark, the greetings card giant, "but at the end of the day, the big sales are at the traditional end of

Santa's reunion with his reindeer reflects the return to cosy traditionalism in the design of Christmas cards over the past two years. People have had enough of the trendy stuff and want the familiar symbols of Christmas again," Ms Sanders says,

With annual sales of more than £230 million from 1.5 billion cards (more than half the total number of cards sold all year), the Christmas card market is understandably conservative, although designers took something of a walk on the graphic wild side in the mid-Eighties.

Watercolours and crayon drawings gave way to line drawings and modern graphic designs, and the traditional Christmas symbols were frequently stylised almost beyoud recognition. Santa went high-tech. "It's very difficult to change Christmas, but the airbrush did it for a while," says Michael Woodward, an artists' agent whose stable of 120 painters produces artwork

which resulted in the resignation

AFTER a brieffling with more for many of the big card contemporary forms of trans-manufacturers and charities. Now his artists make a comfortable living again churning out Victorian Christmas scenes.
The first Christmas cards

were sent in 1846 by one Henry Cole (later a founder of the Victoria & Albert Museum), who had forgotten to write to his acquaintances before Christmas. The practice took off in a big way just before the turn of the century. and few people have seen any need to modernise the imagery. So global warming or no global warming, Christmas 1990 will still be a white one at least on paper.

MANUFACTURERS confidently expect snow scenes animals and coaches) to retain their position at the top of the Christmas image ratings. Santa should cling to the number two spot, according to Stuart King of Carlton cards, followed by children and family scenes, one of which adorned Henry Cole's first card in 1846. Robins, Old Masters and religious scenes

bring up the rear. Some pundits are putting their money on an entirely new image for a surprise entry at number one in the league next year, however. Those pestilential teenage mutant reptiles have donned Santa outfits to adorn a range of cards published by the happy licence-holders, Gemma designs. Have a cowabunga Christmas and an awesome

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Where is the spark in today's unimaginative pantomimes? Jim Hiley asks if theatres are

missing the chance to make new friends

'Panto has to

be eccentric.

famous for it.'

who plundered the fairy tales of

vaganzas". Planché wrote for one

Madame Vestris, a celebrated

male impersonator, who ran the

Royal Olympic Theatre among the brothels and drinking dives of

Wych Street, north of the Strand.

As befitted this location, Planche's

scripts were crafted with adult

His work has been kept alive at

the Players' Theatre, a music hall

beneath Charing Cross station

where the audience still toasts

Queen Victoria every night. Currently, the theatre is staging

Planché's Puss In Boots, which

was first performed in 1837, with

Madame Vestris playing the hero,

Raiph. It is a far cry from today's lumbering hybrids. The score is

based largely on Rossini, and the

rhyming text

of jeux-de-mots.

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ers' Theatre.
"They don't get all

the jokes the first

time. It requires a

Many actors appear in the same

show at different provincial the-

aires year after year, often with the

same costumes and decor. Elbott

has exhumed one production of

Aladdin annually since 1974. Each

outing requires months of plan-

ning, he says, though only ten days

At the Glasgow Citizens',

Havergal commissions a fresh

script and score every year. Here,

too, preparations begin early: he

has been working on the current

production of Mother Goose since

March. His cast includes two

actors from Take the High Road,

but Havergal insists that they

have been chosen for their talent,

not their TV connections. By

custom, every member of the

are allowed for rehearsals.

People often visit

audiences in mind.

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certain amount of intelligence."

The appeal of pantomimes wid-

ened as great performers like Dan

Leno took them into larger, more

salubrious theatres, including

Drury Lane. By the 20th century,

the form was being stretched to

accommodate non-theatrical cel-

ebrities, not least from the sport-

ing world. As a young soccer star,

Brian Clough could be seen in

pantomime, displaying his skills

with a tennis ball. In Paul Elhon's

current production of Jack and

the Beanstalk at Bradford, ian

Botham plays the King, while

Tessa Sanderson appears as Gurl Friday in Robinson Crusoe at Guildford. Elbott insists that such

"personalities" adapt readily to

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dren's plays, musicals and variety

shows bring the family parties

flocking, but pantomime remains

the favourite attraction by far.

Critics tend to stay aloof from

Dick Whittington and Sleeping

Beauty. For hard-pressed manage-

ments, though, pantomime offers a financial life-line.

Yet the average production

seldom exploits the possibilities of

theatre with verve or imagination.

The decor may be lavish, but the

plots are cursorily sketched, amid

a spell-breaking plethora of topical

gags, television catchphrases and

irrelevant bit songs. The theatre is most popular when at its least

mounts eight productions every

widely regarded as one of the best

in the land - accounts for a third

"If our panto was a flop,"

explains the Citizens' co-director,

Giles Havergal, "we would have

to slash the rest of the pro-

gramme." But, unlike other ven-

tures, pantomime appears im-

likely to do well," says the impresario, Paul Elliott. "So they

rely on the profits to sustain them

through the difficult months be-

tween new year and spring." He

should know; he is Britain's

busiest commercial producer of

pantomimes, with 18 on offer this

year, from Babes In The Wood at His Majesty's in Aberdeen to

Cinderella in Plymouth's Theatre

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mimes bear scant resemblance to

the 19th-century originals. Among

the pioneers of the early Victorian

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he recent acquisition by English Heritage of its most Julius Bryant, expensive painting. George English Heritage's Lambert's "View from the Cascade Terrace, Chiswick", is largely thanks to the efforts of another

was published here, and did the

Chiswick House, one of the four

great London houses that are now

"While national museums are

cutting back on staff and spend-

ing, we're expanding into the museum world," said the 32-year-

old Bryant, who was formerly a

curator at the Victoria and Albert

Museum. "In a way, English

Heritage is the biggest museum of

them all, with six million objects

stretching from Lindisfarne Priory

to Osborne House." On the advice

of a team of national museum

directors, including Sir David

staff of 76.

under Bryant's curatorial care.

acquisition: its first head of museexplains his aims ums. He is Julius Bryant, who spotted the picture in a Sotheby's to Simon Tait New York catalogue before its sale

rounds of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, the National Art (having to be reburied for legal Collections Fund and the London Historic House Museums Trust to Bryant is baving to recruit a make sure the money was team of curators whose first job will be to bar-code each item and He bought it, in the end, for put its video image into a com-£200,000. It will be the first thing puter. Eventually, members of the visitors see when they enter

> six million pieces. sort out a dispute about "fake which English Heritage inherited various users of the grounds who from the disbanded Greater are in conflict with each other, not London Council in 1986: Marble Hill, Rangers House, Chiswick House and Kenwood. It was decided to refurnish the houses in the appropriate period as far as possible, but since the actual furniture was long gone, the only way to proceed, it was thought, was ; buy facsimiles. The her-

Wilson of the British Museum and Neil Cossons of the Science Museum, a new museums division has been set up with Bryant and a English Heritage owns about 400 heritage sites, 80 of which hold unusual objects, from a VI flying bomb and a collection of

look right." Chiswick House and its grounds are being restored with the help of the local authority. Wilham Kent designed the furniture for it, and at Phillips earlier this year, Bryant picked up, for £28,000, a pair of Kent chairs made for Chiswick. He also acquired a painting by Kent of an allegorical figure holding a portrait of Imgo Jones (the hero of Lord Burtington, architect and owner of Chiswick House) for £1,870 at Christie's, and a George Knapton portrait of

The refurbishment of Kenwood's grounds has caused local outrage, which Bryant smartly side-supped by putting on an exhibition in the house. "I spent £50.000 on the exhibition because I was sick of being blamed for everything. In reality, it is the us. In this exhibition, we set the problems before them with the options, and asked them what they thought we should do." The exhibition, which ended on

returned. Meanwhile, back at Chiswick, the Lambert painting is not only an appropriate decoration, but is a fine record of the architectural achievements of both Kent and Burlington, giving landscape conservationists a good idea of how

comments Bryant.

out into the back of the upper circle." Havergal also claims that authentic pantomime has more in common with Shakespeare and

"The characterisation is always

creation of a distinctive house

style. The hallmarks of a Citizens'

production are visual extrava-

gance and a high-definition perfor-

mance technique, for which the

likes of Mother Goose provide a

strong, and the energy is hurled

useful training ground.

Mass production of a golden egg?

of the border, and it is hard to find Brecht than do the realist dramas many Scottish actors who have of contemporary playwrights. For not appeared in the tartan soap anyone familiar with his output, this hypothesis does not seem farfetched. But then, the Citizens' is At most theatres, the Christmas show has little connection with the an exceptional company, standing rest of the repertoure. By contrast, far apart from the British Havergal says that his panto-mimes have been essential to the mainstream.

She's as magic as a Goose can be As any Goose can be

Havergal must also be taken seriously when he talks of pantomime's special responsibilities. He and Elliott point out that most children receive their first taste of theatre at Christmas, so pantomime plays a big role in cultivating the audiences of the future.

But how effectively does it fulfil this task? If it spreads a life-long passion for theatre among the population, why have attendances failen so far over the past 150 years? Children ture of pantomime

Mother Goose at the Citizens' Theatre, Glasgow: one of the few theatres which commissions a fresh script and score every year very quickly. As they grow up, they seem disinclined to find out what else the local playhouse has to offer. Too many British adults steer clear of theatre - except when they take the kids to a pantomime, of course. The situation will only change

when Christmas shows have all the vigour and inventiveness of musical drama at its best. Pantomime could transport us to a realm that is uniquely theatrical. Instead, it evokes a haphazard world of pop videos, sitcoms and the latest teenage mutant movie craze, with scraps of fairy tales and audience participation thrown in to keep the purists happy. Over Christmas, the theatre basks in popular affection. At the same time, it sells itself perilously short.

BRIEFING

Rush to catch the Russians

THE migration of Russian dancers continues apace. Galina Mezenteva, one of the Kirov Ballet's leading ballerinas, is joining Scottish Ballet, making her Scottish debut on Saturday December 29 as the Sugar Plum Fairy in Peter Darrell's version of The Nul-

Meanwhile, another Kirov dancer, Irina Chistiakova, is joining London City Ballet for three guest appearances in the title role of Cinderella, which opens at Sadler's Wells tonight. London City Ballet already has two ex-Bolshoi principal dancers, Victor Barykin and Stanislav Tchassov, one of whom will dance the Prince during the London run. Catch them quickly - both are said to be thinking of moving again.

King's development

A COLLABORATION between King's College, Cambridge, and the Cambridge Darkroom - a photography-based art gallery in the city - has led to the appointment of the artist/photographer David Ward as artist-in-residence for 1991. Ward will develop his own work, give lectures and seminars, and hold open studio days. His work over the past ten years will be exhibited at both the Cambridge Darkroom and King's next month.

Continental links

THE arts world's preparations for 1992 should be considerably eased by the publication of what is said to be the first Europe-wide directory of performing arts organisations. The Performing Arts Yearbook for Europe 1991 spreads its net from Moscow to Galway, taking in some 7,000 opera, dance and theatre companies, orchestras, venues, fesuvals promoters and broadcast organisations. The PAYE is published by Arts Publishing International (071-247 0066) at £24.

OF COURSE, it is always fascinating to see drawings by masters such as Ingres, Delacroix and Rodin, but response to them has little surprise in it. The show of 19th-century French drawings at Hazlett, Gooden and Fox (071-930 6422) has that kind of expected pleasure, but also many splendid surprises: wonderful realistic drawings by Albert Lebourg and a fine portrait by one Emile Boetzel. Ends today.

Far from muted maestro of mime soundtrack of Mel Brooks's film flop into a bottomiess whirlpool of comedy Silent Movie comes from words. One would hate to be stuck the garishly painted mouth of in a lift with Marceau for fear of Marcel Marceau. That word is drowning in his torrential sen-"Non!". The joke, such as it is, still tences, freighted with a would-be works: the only one of Brooks's charming flotsam of French. "But can mume be political?" Well, can it? Perhaps Rea should guest stars to earn his crust through mime is the only one to share the blame for taking his speak, and in speaking he refuses to participate in the making of the guest - "a blend of humour and film. Haul him kicking and pathos" - senously. It swiftly bescreaming into Broadcasting

House, however, and one has a different kettle of kippers. On yesterday's Third Ear (Radio 3), the most celebrated mime of the modern age made up

been told once too often that he is a Great Artist rather than a talented dumb actor, and that this presumed stature gives him licence to hold forth without a shred of wit. Gogol, Mohère, Shakespeare, even Montaigne—

all contributed to his glowing self-

his energies to evoking "the course from Marcel Marceau. human condition". Whenever one hears that vacuous phrase one should stand up at the back of the hall and shout: "Charlatan!" The voluble mime, the shy master of ceremonies and the sad

clown are types that supposedly redress overweening character traits. Saturday brought another: the obvious secret agent. Trying to blend into the woodwork of Tokyo's airport, James Bond could not help blurting: "If this is the mysterious East give me Sauchiehall Street on a wet Saturday." In a desperate attempt to render his person less scrutable, he downed buckets of sake, ate a live lobster and disguised himself as a deaf and dumb Japanese coalminer, all without benefit of a crash

The great value of You Only Live Twice (Radio 4) was to demonstrate, if proof were needed, what a wretched scribbler alogue from the page and put it into the mouths of even such accomplished players as Michael Jayston and you have an under-current of unintentional hilarity which the Sean Connery films turned to good advantage but which, in this first ever radio adaptation, went begging. After commending a waitress's presentable bottom". Bond blotted his copybook by announcing that "the zip's gone out of life." Send for the invisible mender.

MARTIN CROPPER



for lost time. The interviewer Ken

Rea had only to venture an

RPO/King's/Cleooury. EMI 7 49935

An Old Song Re-Sung. Hampson/ Guzeliman, EMI 7 54051 2. Schubert Edition Vol 9. Auger/Johnson, Hyperion CDJ33009.

FOR Berlioz, and all latter-day Romantic unbelievers, Stephen Cleobury and the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, offer a wel-come Christmas gift: the complete "trilogie sacrée", L'Enfance du Christ. Its tiny, single-scene tableaux open out like the doors of an Advent calendar, Revealed are the childlike Marche nocturne of the Roman guard, most delicately played by the Royal Philharmonic; the long, brooding aria of the dreaming Herod (David Wil-son-Johnson); and the stable duet of Mary and Joseph (Ann Murray

persuasively through to this point of rest with its aqueous strings and

piping oboc. Long before the Intifada was

equally eloquent cameos. A more secular Christmas surprise is offered by Thomas Hampson, whose Old Song Re-Sung has been released just in time for the stocking. But, be not deceived, this collection of Ameri-

than a mere filler. The American barntone, in the very prime of his vocal life, shows that the Missouri can flow just as powerfully in his voice as Schumann's or Mahler's Rhine. He gives each song, be it the Anglo-Americana of The Road to Mandalay" or the potent anti-slavery meditation of "Darling Nellie Gray", a different persona, as well as his undivided attention and

concentration. What is more, he has the confidence, both vocal and artistic, to make sentimentality a valid sentiment in its own right. His control of melodic shape and dynamics in "Roses of Picardy" is as consummate as if he were singing Schubert. And he dares to mock only when a song sends itself up, as in the delightfully valedic-

tory "Long ago in Alcala". Finally, it has fallen to Arleen Auger to provide the Christmastide volume of Hyperion's and Graham Johnson's continuing and valuable Schuhert Edition. This time, a chance discovery (in a Viennese second-hand bookshop, of a little 1812 pocketbook of operatic life in the city) inspired Johnson to assemble and, of course, accompany, a selection of songs with operatic and theatrical

Auger responds keenly to the challenge of the dramatic cantatas which, together with her mellifluous performance of "The Shepherd on the Rock", dominate this disc. She could roll her "Y"s rather more convincingly in the little Italian canzonene, which Schubert wrote for a voice pupil of his. Her sense of scale and subtle virtuosity, though, in the three piano arrangements which Schubert made of extracts from his own operas, redeems the day, and makes this recital a worthy addition to an important

HILARY FINCH

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Julius Bryant with English Heritage's new acquisition, "View from the Cascade Terrace, Chiswick"

National finders and keepers

head of museums,

fied heart of a medieval princess

public will be able to have access to an illustrated inventory of all Another of his early tasks is to

itage by was furious.

I found a way round it. however," said Bryant. "We can't have the actual objects, but we can have nearly the same things from the period by keeping our eyes on the auction houses. In the mean-time, we can work on the soft rather a good find, that picture," wallpaper designs to the mummi-furnishings, much easier and

cheaper to reproduce, and just as important in making the house

Burlington's daughter, for £1,650.

December 2. was very successful. with over 5,000 questionnaires

and Thomas Allen), lit by a choir of angels straight out of the stained-glass of King's. The choristers of King's, in their best, gently inflected legato, are responsible for the famous "Shepherds' Farewell". But the seduc-tion of its Gallic pastorale, drone and all, has tended to eclipse the little oasis scene which follows. Robert Tear takes the narrative

ever thought of, Berlioz made his own subtle and seasonal plea for peace in a little accompanied recitative pointing to the compassion of the Ishmaelites who, in his telling of the tale, are the ones that finally open a door to the Israclite family Matthew Best is the Palestinian father Gerald Finley's Polydorus and William Kendall's Centurion contribute

Last chance . . .

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Once more unto the britches

THEATRE Don Gil and the Green **Britches**

Gate, Notting Hill

THE Lope de Vega Project is not a name that sets the adrenalin pumping. But at least it makes the company's intention plain, unlike the obscure or jokey appellations that surface from time to time along the Fringe. The word "project" is the trouble, suggesting worthy attitudes, of course, but adding more than a tidge of solemnity to the endeavour. Yet better that than Gazpacho Productions or The Pit Meets The Pendulum.

The aim of the company is to acquaint us with the drama of Spain's Golden Age, and its first production, Punishment Without Revenge, proved a hit at this theatre last summer. Now it tackles a play that could be described - with a nod to Ayckbourn for getting there first - as a comedy of revenge. The author this time is not Lope de Vega but his younger contemporary, Tirso de Molina, best known for introducing the character of Don Juan to European literature. Once again his plot concerns a man who loves and leaves a lady; her name, curiously enough, is Dona Juana. However, far from sighing and retiring to her convent, she puts on man's clothes, calls herself Don Gil and sets off in pursuit.

The plot is impossibly com-plicated and becomes tiresomely

so, with both the other women in the play falling for the supposed Don's sexy green britches. This arouses the jealousy of the male lovers who dress up in green britches themselves, as does one of the women, so that eventually four figures in green are cavorting below the balcony of the sighing Dona Ines. This becomes quite funny and is skilfully staged by Laurence Boswell on a set dominated by the tilting fragment of a proscenium arch backed by no fewer than three receding side flats painted with columns. Anyone acquainted with the tiny dimensions of the Gate stage will be awed by Ian MacNeil's achievement as designer.

So far, so good. Kate Lock manages an amusing portrait of Dona Ines, a woman who seethes with rage without forsaking her grammar. Simon Kumz's accelerating dismay as the faceless lover treads the knife-edge of being serious to himself yet comic

to the audience. The failure of the production stems from the miscasting of Emma Richler as Juana/Gil. The only character to wear a hat, a floppy green one, she strolls through the play like some character dreamed up by Vita or Violet or Virginia for evening frolics at Knole. Too many of her sentences end in meaningless breathy gasps; and where a spirited performance might have infused her incessant scheming with manic glee, she gives us instead a complacent dreamer fatally devoid of energy.

JEREMY KINGSTON



CONCERT

Smith Quartet Almeida

AS MUCH as a teenage girl trying to look like Joan Collins, these young players are perhaps being unfair to themselves in taking the Kronos Quartet so much as their role model. True, the sharp outfits were missing, but the biggest piece in their programme on Sunday was a Kronos mainstay, Steve Reich's Different Trains, and there was a Kronos-style mix of contemporary classical repertory with cross-over items, including a set of Chick Corea's Children's Songs arranged by Ian Stewart as showpieces for John Harle's soprano saxophone with quartet backing. The Smiths also hampered themselves with amplification throughout the programme, which was quite unnecessary in this space, and which gave the violin tone in

particular a grating, harsh edge. Kevin Volans's new Fourth Quartet, subtitled "The Ramanujan Notebooks", suffered particularly from this, since it so frequently exploits driving attacks from the leader in the upper treble. It would be good to hear the piece again without electronic help: in five movements, and playing for half an hour, it sounds a characteristically subtle, fresh and intriguing dance of repeating patterns, based this time on the work of an Indian mathematician. The

ROCK

Status Ouo/

Gary Glitter

Wembley Arena

COLUMNS like this one do not

often list the virtues of Status Quo.

There being a first time for

everything, it is worth stating that

the band does not address its

paying public as its "people", it

does not farm out twee dance

routines to a hired troupe, does

not spend large swathes of the

evening off stage, and its members

do not dress like Orville. Gary

Glitter does all these things, but

Smith Quartet are evidently well really comes to life when it can reach the sounds and scales of his native Africa.

The concert ended, though, positively with the Reich work, once the quartet had eased themselves into imitating the American speech rhythms of the fragments of recorded memories that go rattling by with railway sounds on the tape. There is another chance to hear these players in the Park Lane Group Young Artists Series at the Purcell Room next month.



Reich: positive performance

zoological pre-history, but Messrs

Parfitt and Rossi do have chunk-

ily-splayed stegosaurus legs that

give the impression of immovabil-

ity. The comparison is not entirely

fair because, the current tour being

a celebration of 25 years in the

business, the Quo seems to have

survived far longer than the

There is a simple formula for eternal chart life and it is one for

dinosaur kingdom.

equipped to perform Volans: they play another quartet, "White Man Sleeps", without gross electronic distortion on a new record devoted to him (Landor CTLCD) 111), though here the version of the same piece for specially tuned harpsichords, viola da gamba and percussion suggests that his music

PAUL GRIFFITHS



of his work by the Smiths

rarity, the four Symphonic Fragments from the music Debussy wrote in 1911 for D'Annunzio's play, Le Martyre de Saint Sebastien. While there is little organic feeling in these extracts, and though the music might stand accused of substituting a some-ness, as if already keyed up for the times rather mushy piety for ensuing Stravinsky. Debussy's more usual exoticism, there is no mistaking its pedigree.

CONCERT

LPO/Nagano

Festival Hall

KENT Nagano is one of those rare

creatures, a conductor who one

feels is not seen often enough in

this country. Without doubt, the

rarity of his apearances is due to

the fact that his international pie is

divided into so many pieces,

though there is also now the added

difficulty of luring him away from

the Opéra de Lyon, where since

1989 he has been chief conductor

His style looks more flamboy-

ant than it really is, largely because

his lavish mane of black hair tends

to fly through the air at the

slightest turn of his head. What

characterises his performances,

above all, is their clarity, both in

ensemble and in colours. Over-

lavish gestures never achieved

This programme with the London Philharmonic Orchestra

bore the hallmarks of Nagano's

taste. It began with a comparative

and musical director.

those qualities.

unfortunate slice of the early 1970s, yet he still comes back to haunt us every Christmas. He began life as a parodist, but nowadays he lays another parody on top of the original: 17 years on from 1973, it is difficult to

> A line from a Glitter song. suggesting "boys will be boys will be boys", reverberated appositely around Wembley Arena. This is true enough of Status Quo, who filled the venue with like-minded customers over the weekend. A day or two earlier at the Gary Glitter extravaganza, the evidence

NEW RELEASES

HEAVY PETTING: An arrusing cocksil of clips from American sex education films moved with calciomise receiling their first fundings. ICA Cinema (071-630 3847).

MAMI BLUES (18; Currly thrifer heading nowhere, though the off-beat characters are a delight. Also Batown as a rampaging as-corp, Fred Ward as a seedy cop; Jenniter Jeson Leigh as a self-pri chught in the fraces. Produced by Jonathan Denimo. Catanon Panton Street (071-630-0531).

♦ THE NEVERENDING STORY PART 2 ♦ THE NEVERLENDING STORY PART 2 (U): A return wait to the land of Fartuse. Visually spectacular, but the plot is a jumble end an unlikeable child actor, Jonathan Brandia, spoils some of the fun. Carmons: Fullham Road (071-370 2836) Heymarkst (071-839 1927) Oxford Street (071-836 0310) Warner (071-439 0791) Whitsileys (071-732 3303/3324).

THIFICE SISTERS (12): Chektov undstact to an italien university town an the 1980s. Sparks by from all these achieses (Farmy Ardent, Greta Spacen, Valeria Golino), yet the firm stays in low gear. Director, Margarethe von Trots.

Premiere (071-438 4470).

CURRENT AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE (15): Jane Campion's excellent film about the New Zeeland writer Jenet Frame. Renoir (071-837 8402).

THE BIG PICTURE (15): Genial satire on Hollywood moviemsking from two elumni of This is Spinal Tap, Christopher Guest and Michael McKearr, with Kevin Bacon as a young director on the make.

Cannoss: Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Fulhern Road (071-370 2636).

BLUE STEEL (18): Tough, blood-spatiered police thriller with a terminist stent from director Kathryn Bigelow. Caminon Oxford Street (071-638 0310) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-630 6111).

COME SEE THE PARADISE (15): Alan Perfer's romantic drame about the Americ treatment of the Japanese ster Pearl Harbor, hendsomely mounted. Odeon Haymarket (071-838 7847). THE COMPORT OF STRANGERS (18):

Rupert Everett and Natasha Richardson mooching around Venice, failing prey to the warped Christophae Wallern, Laborica machine drain in the control of th psychological drama. Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737).

◆ DEATH WARRANT (18): Action video king Jean-Claude van Damme as an

AFTER THE FALL: Arthur Wiles sorting out love, guilt and mamage, Bewitching performance by Josette Smon. National (Lytteltoni), South Bank, SE1 (1971-288 2522), Undergound/BR: Webstoo. Tonght, 7 30pm, mat today, 2 15pm, Running time: 2ns 55mms.

☐ BOOKENDS: Disappointangly empty tale of two literary blokes. Michael Hordem and Desidate Landen by to find some content. Apollo, Statesbury Avenue W1 (071-437 2683) Underground Piccadāly Mon-Fn, 8pm, 8st, 8.30pm, mat Sat, 5pm, Russang time:

EI THE BOYS NEXT DOOR: Tops Configure patronsing year of the mentelly ill-adjusted. Fine acting, with Steve Guttenberg. Transfer from Hampstead. Connedy Theatre, Parton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045) Underground. Pocadilly, Mon-Thurs, Born, Fr., Sat, 8-30m, mass Fr., Sat, 5-30m. Discont times from 10 mer. Enter 5.30pm. Running tune: 2hrs 10mms. Ends

THE COUNTRY WIFE: Appalingly heavy-handed, old fashioned production though Fenella Fielding has her stylish Mermaid, Puddle Dock, EC4 (071-410 0000), Underground: Backfrians Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE: Marvellous

m FME GUTS NAMED WORE Marvesions pazz muscel packed with Louis Jordan numbers. An evening of joy.
Lyric Theathe, Staffashury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3688). Underground: Pocadilly, Mon-Fo, 8pm, Sat, 8pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 1 fr 45mms. GASPING: John Gordon Sincitiz and

Jim Carter in Ben Etton's greenish comedy. Rather over the top but lots of laughs. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 8.30pm, mat Sat, 5pm. Running time: Ziva 30mms.

☐ HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Henneh Gordon (her first week) and Peter Barkworth in Simon' Gray's thought-providing play Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (171-836 9987). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fn, 7.45pm, Set, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm. Running time: 2tm 15mins. ZI INTO THE WOODS: Sono

nox of terytales, growner than Golmm in the first half, turns stockly thereafter. Phoenix, Charung Cross Road, WC2 (071-240 9561), Underground: Tottenham Court Road Mon-Set. 7:30pm, mats Thurs, Sal, 2:30pm. Rumning time. 2hrs 50msss. ☐ JUST SO: Just a so-so musical on the

Kipling tales songs pleasant, costumes charming, story addity pale. ORCHESTRE REVOLUTIONNAIRE ET ROMANTIQUE: John Eliot Gerdiner's new

period-instrument orchestra gives an el-Schumann concert feeturing the Manfied Overture, the "Spring" Symphony, No 1 and plants! Melcolm Bilson in the Plano

Concerto. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-926 8600), 7.45pm.

GREAT ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD SERIES: The Orchestre de Paris

JASPER REES

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

undercover cop in prison Bloodthirsty exploitation drama, director, Deran Saratien. Cannons: Oxford Street (071-836 0310) Parmon Street (071-830 0631).

THE EXORCIST IN (18): Unwanted, threathers sequel which tree to make up in ranting acting what it lacks in shocks.
 Carnon Tottenherr Court Road (071-836)

FLATLINERS (15): Kieler Sutherland, Jule Roberts and Kews Bacon as medical students probing the boundanes between death and life Director, Joel Schurmscher, Carnons: Chelses (071-352 5096) Shattasbury Avenue (071-35 956) Odeons: Kensingson (071-82 6644) Mezzanine (071-830 6111) Swiss Cottage (0426 914 096) Whiteleys (071-782 3003/3324).

♦ GHOST (12): Jerry Zucker's absorbing white it lists. Camores: Balser Street (071-335 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2835) Empire (071-497 9899) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324). ♦ GOODFELLAS (18): Mertin Scorsese's gangater epic following a New York hood pangater epic following a New York hood nae and fall. With Robert De Niro. Curnon Rutham Road (071-370 2636) Curzon West End (071-439 4605) Scree Baiser Street (071-935 2772) White

HENRY AND JUNE (18): Ansis Nin's passionate affair with Henry Miller in bohemien Paris recreased with a grandose flair by director Philip Kaufman.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2638) Empire (071-497 9999) Noting Hill Coronat (071-797 6705) Screen on the Green (071-226 3620) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

HOME ALONE (PG): Plucky lad left elone at Christmes werds off burnbling burglers. Broad, machine-tooled American family fun from water-producer John Hughe with Mecaulay Cullen, Joe Pesci. A big US

ht. Camden Parkway (071-257 7034) Cannon Chelsas (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Chdord Street (071-636 0310) Odeoxs: Kensington (071-636 0310) Odeoxs: Kensington (071-639 6844/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5936) Mezzanine (071-530 6111) Warner (071-439 0731) Whitekeys (071-723 303/3324).

THE HOT SPOT (18): Reging sexual fires and duplicity in a lezy Texas town,

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only Zi Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

Tricycle, 289 Kilbum High Road, NW6 (071-338 1000) Underground. Kilbum, Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm Running time 2hrs 30mins. Ende January 12.

☐ THE MYSTERY OF IRMA VEP: Socol Gothic melodrama, ranging between the ferocally furny and the feely frants. Ambessedors, West Steek, WC2 (071-836 6111). Undergound: Leicester Square. Mon-Set, & Spm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Set, 4pm. Running time: 2hst.

☐ NO ONE SEES THE VIDEO: Cella Imne, Stephen Tomplunson in Martin Crisp's well-informed if patchy glimpes at the morel voice in market research.

Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Stotne Square, SM (671-730 2554). Underground: Steene Square, Mon-Set 7.30pm, met Set, 3.30pm, Running time: 2hre, Ende Sebedey.

OUT OF ORDER: Donald Sinden puffs, Michael Williams penics, in latest Ray Cooney tarce: over-plotted, under-

hay councy in the country of the cou ☐ PRIVATE LIVES: Keith Baxter, Joan Collins and Sara Crowe of Covard's cornedy. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071436 6404). Underground: Covern Garden Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8:30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Rumming time. 2hrs 15mins.

THE REAL DON JUAN: Ninetee Carbury Spanish classic handsomely staged by Oxford Stage Company. John Michie plays the lusty Don. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (US1-748 3354). Underground: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Ends Saturday.

THE REHEARSAL: Ign McDigmid's Conran) of Anouth's seduction play. Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 5107). Underground: Lexaster Square. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat,

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW: Raucous and wild, bold and bizarra: sometin desferring rock musical. Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867

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SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE. Alan Howard and Penny Downe in Bergman's two-hander, disappointingly slack after its transfer from Chichester Wyndhem's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-807 1118). Underground: Lacester Square. Mon-Set, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time. 2hrs 20mms.

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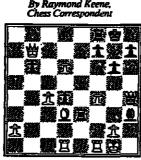
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Everything in the show is geared towards sameness. Imagine, if it is possible, that one of the Quo's three frontmen was a left-handed guitarist: the visual monotony of the act would be irreparably barmed. However lobotomisingly dull some might find the entertainment, at lest the reverence the Quo inspires has been built up on the back of a long residence in the

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and no denying, either, its profu-

sion of exquisite moments. The

lovely parallel woodwind chords

at the beginning of the Act I

Prelude, for instance, have a

delicacy that evokes the Ravel of

L'Enfant et les Sortilèges, while

the Act IV Prelude begins with an

lovely solo for cor anglais,

beautifully played here by Joan

If refinement informed the

LPO's playing of this work, so it

did in Stravinsky's The Rite of

Spring. This might seem incon-

gruous, considering the infamous violence of this piece. Yet

Nagano's finely tuned ear and care

for details of balance illuminated

its many quieter moments,

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ness, and emphasising instead the

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Kim, a late substitute for the

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Mills in Manchester preview the morning's events
9.00 News, regional news and weather 9.05 Brainwave. Leisure and lifestyle quiz hosted by Andy Craig 9.25
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Simon Parkin begins with Playdays (r) 10.30 Burryip, Cartoon (r) 10.35 People Today, Includes, at 10.45 Health UK in which Martyn Lewis consults Claire Rayner on advice she would give to those facing large family gatherings and all the accompanying stresses and strains. Plus tips about how not to over-indulge during the Stive season

11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Sik hosts a studio discussion on romantic gestures 11.45 Before Noon. More calls from viewers and the Brainwave quiz

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8.00 News

8.15 Westminster. A round-up of

9.00 A Year in the Life: The First

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Christmas. Episode one of a three-part

mini-senes that traces an event-fille

year in the life of an American family (r) 10.30 After Hours includes an interview

with MTV video-jockey, Julie Brown
10.50 The Invisible Man (r)
11.35 The Enthusiast: A Celebration of
John Betjeman. Celebratios pay tribute
to the late Sir John Betjeman (r)
12.30 See Hear! (r) 1.20 Greenclaws (r)
1.35 Under Sail. Two aspects of

Portugal's seafaring history (r) 1.55 A Carol from Ely. "Once in Royal

David's City" sung at Ely cathedral 2.00 News and weather followed by

news and weather

4.30 Behind the Headlines, Robert

5.00 Advice Shop locuses on the plight

5.30 The Travel Show Guides. Penny

guide to southern California.

drama about Geronimo and his

handful of Apache braves who, after surrendering to the US Army in

return for a promise of land and food, are cheated out of their supplies.

6.00 Film: Geronimo (1962) starring Chuck Connors. Exciting wester

Directed by Arnold Laven

Show Jumping, Highlights of last week's action at Olympia
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional

Robinson and Loyd Grossman are joined

by TV-am presenter Maya Even and broadcaster and author Shyama Perera

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2.15 Film: The Long Hot Summer (1985). First of a two-part made-for-televis adaptation of William Faulkner's classic novel about Sen Quick, a drifter with a reputation for trouble. Set in the quiet southern town of Frenchman's Bend, Ben's arrival is most Linwelcome, especially when he finds favour with one of the lown's most respected families. Starring Jason Roberds, Don Johnson and Cybill Shepherd. Directed by Stuart Cooper. (Part two on Thursday at 12.15pm) 3.50 Forget-Me-Not Farm 4.05 The

Chipmunks. Cartoon 4.20 Happy Families. Mass Jump the Jockey, part two. Comedy senes about the card-game characters 4.35 Now Then. An introduction to the world of archaeology. Tony Gregory and Paul Birkbeck visit a dig at Flag Fen near Peterborough and find out what life was like in the area 3,000 years ago episode in the drama about life in a

5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Last London comprehensive school. (r). 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefsx) Northern Ireland. Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster 6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Peter

Sissons and Anna Ford, Weather 6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Trivial Pursuit. Rory McGrath hosts the last in the series of the quiz show based on the popular board game.

(Ceefax) EastEnders, London scap set in bustling Albert Square. (Čeefsx) 8.00 The Good Life. More comic self-sufficiency in suburble with Richard Bners and Felicity Kendal as the couple who have given up the rat race and Penelope Keith and Paul Eddington as their upmarket next door neighbours. Margo has grand plans

7.40 Days of Fear, Days of Rage.

• CHOICE: The Guyana-born write:

Mike Phillips, who has lived in Britain since 1954, reflects on the

contradiction between Europe as a

immigrants. His report opens in Barcelona, where cultural icons such as

the cathedral, the university and the

pasce form the backgrop to an immigrant's bitter charge that the city is trying to rid itself of its blacks before the Olympic Games open in 1992. Stories from Berlin and Rome

further illustrate Phillips's argument

that for 40 years, immigrants, refugees and guest workers have helped to

rebuild European economies, only to be dumped when they are no longer in

demand. In Berlin the position of Turkish

workers is threatened by the arrival

following unification. Asians and Africans who arrived in Rome to beat

Michael Berry shows how the family can

of refugees from eastern Europe

stranded without papers or rights.

kitchen over the festive period. Plus

Nick Brett, editor of the Radio Times.

ear's Mastercook competition

9.00 Cool It. A comedy special written by and starring the rubber-faced comedian,

presents the prizes to the winner of this

documentary on the Glen Parva Young

Offenders Institution comes to a close with vital decisions for two of the

unwitting stars of the series. On second

inmates who have become the

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Italy's ban on immigration are

8.30 Food And Drink Christmas Special.

give mother a day off from the

palace form the backdrop to an

centre of culture, civilisation and democracy and its treatment of

for Christmes but finds herself short on provisions when the trades people let her down, it is a case, or bottle, of

pae-pod burgundy to the rescue (r). (Ceetax) 8.30 A Question of Sport. Devid Colemen hosts the light-hearted sports quiz. The teams are led by regulars Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham with quests runner Tom McKean, footballer Tony Cascanno, awimmer Zara Long and Wayne Shelford, former captain of the All Blacks. (Ceelax)

9,00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buark. (Ceetax) Regional news and 9.30 Never Come Back, Computaive drama set in the early days of the

second world war. In this, the second of two parts, journalist Desmond Thene (Natheniel Parker) has been tortured and nearly killed for reasons he does not understand and now he has to prove that he is not a murderer Also stars James Fox (r) (Ceetax)
Wales: Week in Week Out 10.00 Never
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10.45 Film 90 with Barry Norman, Barry

casts his critical eye over Aimost an Ange/which sters Paul Hogan as a dead burglar who returns to earth as an angel, and Tom Brook talks to Sylvester Stallone in New York about the listest Rocky, his fifth, and what the movie business has in store for the

muscle-bound actor 11.15 Spenser: For Hire. American series starring Robert Unch as a tough Boston private eye. An investigation into the murder of a young woman, shot dead at the wheel of her car, leads Spenser to a corrupt evangelist whose interest in the victim seems suspicious 12.00 Weather. Weles: Film 90 with Barry Norman 12.30am News and weather

> unwitting, for Perks has cumningly structured The Sentence in the form of rision scap opera with its ability to develop characters through running stones. Over the past few weeks we have got to know more and more about the bespectacled homesick Smith, and perhaps come to sympathise with him, and we want to be told his fate. The same applies to Willson, who mystenously abeconds only two days before he is due for perole and is due to face the governor. Turning from form to content, the question that has cropped up throughout the series is how effective the system is.



Rubber-faced comedian: Phil Cool (9.00pm)

10.20 283 Useful kleas from Japan. Another instalment revealing some more quirky and novel aspects of 10.30 Newsnight 11.15 The Late Show investigates how

cinema and interviews directors Marcel Ophuls, Louis Maile and Costa-Gevras 11.55 Weather 12.00 Behind the Headlines. See 4.30. Ends at 12.35am

the Holocaust has been portrayed in the

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6.00 TV-surs 9.25 Keynotes, Music quiz with Alistair Divall 9.55 Thames News and weather 10.00 The Time . . . The Place. The last in the senes of the topical discussion show

chaired by John Stapleton

10.40 This Morning. Family magazine show presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Money and legal matters are under discussion with Anne. Ashworth on hand to help with viewers' problems Magge Philipin is also giving advice on the best and worst of Senta's grottoes in her festive edition of Checkout. Plus buying lasi-minute presents includes netional and international news headlines at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather

12.05 Rod, Jane & Freddy with traditional nursery rhymes 12.25 Home And Away. Australian scap about a couple and their foster children 12.55 Thames News and weather

1.00 News at One with John Suchet

1.20 Wish You Were Here . . ? Judith Chairners celebrates the 150th anniversary of Cunard with a Caribbean cruise aboard the Cunard Countess, and there are visits to Hawkinge (r) 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian drama set in a community health clinic in the

2.20 Take The High Road. Scottish scap set in an eventful Highland village 2.50 Talkabout. Game show hosted by Andrew O'Connor 3.15 News headines 3.20 Thames News

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4.10 The Dreamstone, Carton tantasy senal charting the eternal fight between good and evil

4.35 Sylvester. Fun with the cat and the

carery (r) 4.40 Children's Ward. Drama set in the children's wing of a hospital. Lee Jones welcomes the chance of a ludney.

transplant but is not too keen on the 5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness asks the Questions in the general knowledge quiz

for teenagers 5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong (Oracle) 5.55 Thames Help with details of the Housing Advice Switchboard 6.00 Home and Away (r)

6.30 Thames News and weather 7.00 Emmerdale. Annie restores Joe's confidence when he finally receives a long-awaited letter from Kate Nick and Elsa take in lodgers for Christmas, and an equation is done when the Rev Charlton makes a step over Seth's ge (Oracte)

7.30 Thames Reports: Essex Woman, Teresa Gorman, Tory MP for Billericay, deplores the lack of women at the top of her party, and reporter Bill Wigmore telks to British day-Inopers to the French hypermarkets 8.00 The Bill: Out of the Blue. Sun Hill is

alive with gossip when Chief Supt Brownlow hears that DCI Wray and WPC Ackland have been having an affair. (Oracle) 8.30 Strike It Lucky. Michael Barrymore

hosts the quiz show with the £3,000 9.00 Boon: The Tender Trap. in the last in the senes. Ken finds himself in way over his head when he takes on what looks like a simple case of adultery A cappled ex-racing driver thinks his write is having an affair and asks Boon to find proof Starring Michael Elphick, Charyl Campbell and Art Malik (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville

and Fiona Armstrong (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather 10.40 Dress Gray. First of a two-part drama about the scandal surrounding the Utysses S. Grant Military Academy after the death of a young

6.00 A Different World, Another comic

visit to Hilman College 6.30 Vic Reeves' Big Night Out. Vic

cadet A sinister cover-up is engineered by the academy's commandant Starring Lloyd Bridges, Patrick Cassidy and Hall Holbrook. Concludes tomorrow Followed by News headlines 12.30am Prisoner. Cell Block H. Australian drama set in a temale etention centre for terminal hams 1.30 Video View Manella Frostruo presents the best in what to rent and buy during the testive season plus a review of the year which leatures clips of things that have not gone durie as

Holbrook (left), Bridges and Baldwin (10.40pm)

planned Followed by News neadlines 2.00 60 Minutes. Award-winning American news magazine
3.00 Donahue. The chat snow host talks to people who have dramatically walked out on their partners. Followed by

News headlines
4.00 Entertainment UK. The last weekly guide to the latest in entertainment from all over the country
5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne
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CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sing and Swing with jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties (r) 6.20 Business Dally 6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 The Art of Landscape. Relaxing music and natural images 11.00 As it Happens. Richard Jobson and

a camera crew spend the week in Israel to look at life there 12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Stree

2.00 Third Wave. The series for older viewers tooks at a group of senior members of German society who have formed their own political party.

2.50 Film: The Constant Husband (1954). The season of Rex Harrison films continues with this lively comedy in which Harrison is an amnesiac who discovers that he is a multiple bigamist. With Margaret Leighton, Kay Kendall, Cecil Parker, Nicole Murray and George Cole. Directed by Sidney 4.30 Fifteen-to-One

5.00 Nosh's Ark. A portrait of Grey's Glacier in the extreme south of Chile (r) (Teletext) 5.30 Same Difference. This last in the

series of programmes presented by Libby Cross and Mark Todd which examines issues affecting disabled people, looks at Voluntary Service is, and the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists group

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zenab Badawi. (Teletext)
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 The Great Moghuls: Aurangzeb — The Fall of the Empire. Bamber Gascorgne looks at the tall of the Mognul Empire (r) 8.30 Suffism: The Heart of Islam. Last in

hosts this last show in the season and



The accused: Father Bernard Lynch (9.00pm)

 CHOICE: in 1989 Father Bernard Lynch, an Insh Catholic pnest, appeared in a New York court accused of sexually abusing a 14-year-old boy After a week the trial collapsed and the priest was acquitted. The supposed victim could not even remember the year in which the offence was alleged to

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have taken place and said the police had forced him into testifying. The judge was funous that a case had been brought on so little evidence. This carefully researched documentary preces together the background to the after and looks at allegations that the trial was an attempt by the FBI and the Catholic hierarchy to blacken Father Lynch because of his public support for gay and lesbran rights. Carrying interviews with all the main participants, including Father Lynch and the boy, the film throws disturbing light on how the law, pointes and morality can become dangerously mixed 10.00 Film: The Gift (1979) Powerful and emotional story with Gary Frank playing a sailor who returns to his boyhood home in Brooklyn during Christmas leave. Anticipating active service in Korea, he goes home to try to formalise his relationship with his griffrend and gain a more meaningful relationship with his hard-drinking lather. He fails in the first but, through coming to terms with his sadness about his giffnend, finds he gains the strength to deal with his father's reticence. Glenn Ford puts in a shining performance as his gravefly father With Julie Hams and lison Argo Directed by Don Taylor 11.45 Soul Survivor. Second documentary about Fr Bernard Lynch in which he talks about how he maintains laith in a God who allows so much suffering

12.15am Lonesome Pine Specials. This last in the senes features Zacharv Richard and the Zydeco Rockers. Ends at 1.25 8.00 Someone To Watch Over Me (1987) Thritis starring Tom Benenger as a New York obligamen who talls in love with the women he as assigned to protect 10.00 "Night, Mother (1985) A woman attempts to talk ner daugnite out of committing succe Starring Arine Bencott 11.45 King of the Gypties (1978) Enc Roberts stars in the account of a power strucple among New York cyopers

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Princess Anne is to be prosecuted for speeding on the M1. This is the fourth time she has

Talks collapse between the EEC and Iceland on the issue of fishing rights. Foreign Office Minister of State, David Owen, describes the

his 'probation' with the club.

At the Knockando distillery, another 'Season of Distillation' begins. The pure, natural spirit is poured into oak casks where it slumbers unmolested until the day it is deemed fit to be bottled, twelve or more years hence.



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No 1, Op 18. Hausmusik);
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Hoult 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: CHOICE: The quiet man of South African literature, LM. Coetzee ("I'm not very good at social life") no surprisingly emerges as probably the quietest man to feature in Radio 3's evening arts programme since its inception. He weighs his words so carefully, and so consistently demonstrates the strength of silence that is a feature of all his novels, that his interviewer, Paul Bailey, uncharacteristically drops

Age of Iron non Rattle conducts the Simon nature contracts in a Birmangham Contemporary Music Group, which performs Mark-Anthony Tumage (Kai, BCMG commission — first performance); Messiaen (Couleurs de la cité céleste); 8.10 David Osmond-Smith explores the background to Berio's Laborintus It. 8.30

Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Includes an Interview with
Julia Middleton, the founder
and chief executive of
Common Purpose, who take 3.00-4.00 Prime Minister's Derek Lister's play dramatises the Dada movement, one of the most curious artistic 3.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre (LW only): Out by Christmas. • CHOICE: Robert Stuart phenomena of the century. Arp (Struan Rodger) tells the story of the birth in 1916, and eventual dissolution, of the movement which favoured a return to primitivism and chance Gerard Murphy plays Emmy Hennings is played by

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4.10 Berlin RSO under Semhard Klee, with Michele Campanella, pano, performs Besthoven (Symptony No 4 in B flat, Op 60): Weber (Konzertstück in F minor, Op 79); Henze (Bercarola per grande orchestra) 5.30 Marnly for Pleasure with David 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4411 10.00 News; Medicine Now with Geoff Watts 10.30 Morthing Story: Laura's Son, by Gerellt Williams. Reed by Gerellt Williams. Reed by Gerellt Armstrong 10.45 Daily Service (s) 11.00 News; Citizens (s) 11.25 Ferry Cur One

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3.32 Richard Baker Compares
Notes (LW only) with Dr
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4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes previews of three new versions of *The Nutcacker* by the Birmingham Royal Ballet, the Scottish Ballet and the English National Ballet, a look at what's on television this Christmes; and a review of an exhibition by the French artist André Derain at the Museum of Medem Art in Oxford (s)

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Glamour of flying comes down to earth

From Charles Bremner IN NEW YORK

IN the old days when BOAC flew the Atlantic, packages were some-thing you tied with string and air hostesses wore white gloves, only two American airlines invoked the glamorous aura of world travel -Pan American and TWA.

Now, if the British and American governments approve, both the old flag carriers will all but disappear from the Blue Riband routes from London to the United States. Last month, Pan Am World Airways, the company whose aircraft still use the radio call-sign "Clipper" in honour of its flying boat days, agreed to sell most of its London routes to United Airlines for £195 million. On Sunday, Trans World Airlines reluctantly signed away all its London routes to American Airlines, the giant domestic carrier, in return for £320 million. "It's a major dismantling of the TWA system," William Kutzke, an industry analyst, said.

Like Pan Am, whose giant Boeing sea planes used to "fly down to Rio" and the other glamour spots of South America, TWA was one of the early success stories of American aviation. Founded in 1925, it was built up by Howard Hughes in the years after the second world war. In the 1950s, TWA's Lockheed Super-Constellations, the last of the great propeller-driven airliners, plied the globe and symbolised the elegance of a golden age. The airline, now owned by Carl Icahn, the takeover entrepreneur, is now one of America's weakest. With an ageing fleet and debts of \$2 billion (more than £1 billion), it lost \$54 million in the first nine months of this year.

This has not prevented Mr Icahn from trying to buy Pan Am. Yesterday he renewed an attempt, rebuffed last month, to unite the two airlines using the money from the London routes. The London deals underscore the desperate plight of the weakest American airlines at a time when the industry has hit severe turbulence and flying, at least inside the



Air elegance: breakfast in bed on TWA's 1948 all-sleeper service and the "Clipper" Boeing Stratocraiser in London a year later

United States, has turned from a pleasant experience into an ordeal. Thanks to delays, cancellations, overbooking and bad service,

travelling between American cities often bears unfavourable comparison with the rigours of using domestic Indian or Soviet

In terms of safety, U.S. airlines remain near the least accidentprone, though some of the biggest carriers fall behind the top foreign national flag carriers. Pan Am was cited as the least safe U.S. airline in a survey of the past 20 years published on Sunday by New York Newsday newspaper. It came 47th in accident-rate, one place above Alitalia and 10 behind

British Airways.

The state of the American airlines has spawned a cottage industry for the cartoonists and talk-show comedians. The airline pilots' union, battered by the mockery, has taken to running

advertisements to repair their

After a decade of cut-throat competition that brought domestic fares down to a fraction of what Europeans pay, a handful of strong carriers have risen from the debris of mergers and bankruptcies. American and United, the two healthy giants, are now locked in a duel to win international routes and the loyalty of travellers who have associated United States lines with grumpy cabin staff and antique aircraft.

The British government is likely to look closely at the terms of the Pan Am and TWA buy-outs to ensure that they conform to the rules of the Bermuda 2 agreement which governs the London routes. Under the treaty, only British Airways, Pan Am, TWA or their "corporate successors" may fly transatlantic routes out of

British decision, page 24



Political sketch

Still hanging on to familiar attitudes

AS THE new home secretary -Kenneth Baker - strode in for the old debate - capital punishment - it struck your sketchwriter that, by opposing the death penalty, Mr Baker has thrown away the greatest weapon available to a progressive home secretary in a Tory government. All you have to do is support hanging. This frees you to take whatever liberal measures you please. Nobody will notice, if you are "sound"

on hanging. Yet nobody need swing. For there is as much chance of hanging being brought back in Britain as there is of the Isle of Wight detaching itself from our planet and flying off into space. Hanging is simply not going to happen. Both its "supporters" and its "opponents" at Westminster know that. No parliamentarian who proposes capital punishment considers it a political possibility. None who opposes it considers it a real threat. They are all just

striking attitudes. Nor do journalists who write about the controversy imagine

they are reporting anything that matters. We know we are not. The whole thing is an elabo-rate confidence trick upon the British public. By jabbering away excitably for a few hours every year on a subject that we can at least understand and which does not involve government expenditure, the effort of serious debate is avoided. MPs are not obliged to visit prisons, do sums, conduct research or weigh priorities; and journalists are not obliged to write about anything difficult. The hanging debate is sustainable entirely in terms of general principle and personal anecdote, while giving an impression that Parliament is taking crime seriously, and the press are taking Parliament seriously. Everyone is happy.

The Commons, then, enjoyed a merry hour - indeed, a merry six hours - yesterday debating the return of capital punishment.

I write this some three hours into the debate. I can already tell you the outcome, of course, as can everyone in the Chamber: but I can go further: I can tell you all the arguments that

will be used. They are the same ones as last year.

Proponents of the death penalty for special categories of murder will deploy the argument that, if a category of person especially inclined to commit murder, or be murdered, can be defined in law, then murder should be made a capital offence specifically for them. Thus (for murdering the same victim in the same way) a "terrorist" would hang but a greengrocer escape. And (at the hand of the same villain) a lollipop lady can die unavenged but a prison officer killer dies knowing his killer will, too. The argument is that officers need the special protection the nitimate sanction can give. The murder-victim who was not a

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prison officer, didn't. Opponents of the death penalty will argue that human life is sacred. Later, in defence debates, they will vote to spend taxpayers' money on weapons of mass destruction.

John Greenway (C. Ryedale)
has already opened the debate.

with his proposal that the death penalty be applied specially to people who kill policemen. Mr Greenway is an ex-policeman. Andrew Hunter (C, Basing-

stoke) has yet to propose his own amendment. Mr Hunter is an ex-classics master, and will presumably be proposing the ultimate deterrent for people who kill classics masters.

Roy Hattersley has found it in his heart to spare the lives of those who kill prolific novelists and pious moralisers; and my own proposal - that the death penalty be brought back solely for people who say "what are you planning to do for Christmas this year?" - has yet to be advanced.

A spirited speech by the home. secretary has foundered on an unhappy Freudian slip. Citing groups who have not made up: their mind about hanging, he meant to include "chief police officers". But he said "chief political officers," by mistake . Mr Baker has already spoken mysteriously of new initiatives he plans to launch. Now we know what one of them is.

MATTHEW PARRIS

trading Councils act to prevent Sunday

By RAY CLANCY

LOCAL authorities began seeking injunctions in the High Court vesterday to prevent shops opening illegally next Sunday, the last before Christmas. MPs, shopworkers and the Keep Sunday Special campaign called for an end to the "blatant flouting" of the law.

Many councils, which have a statutory duty to enforce the shops act to stop illegal Sunday trading, said that they were going to prosecute shops that open but it could take weeks for

the cases to come to court. However, other councils said that it was not worth seeking an injunction because those who were trading were not persistent offenders. Teams of enforcement officers were out on the streets at the weekend to gather evidence against retailers who opened. Thousands of shops have been opening on Sundays to attract last-minute Christmas shoppers to boost sales hit by inflation and interest rates.

The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers.

which represents 400,000 retail and wholesale industry workers, said many managers and shopworkers were against Sunday opening but the decisions were being taken at boardroom level. In some towns, firms were bussing in students and school leavers because regular staff were refusing to turn up on a Sunday, the union said.

Audrey Wise, Labour MP for Preston, said that shoppers should show goodwill to shopworkers by refusing to shop on Sunday because the issue was

not about need but about greed and unfair competition. Angela Rumbold, Home Office minister of state, said that the government would try to regulate the law if the two sides could come to a compromise. In a Mori poll for the Shopping Hours Reform Council of 1,774 adults in England and Wales from December 6-10, 77 per cent said they did not want Sunday trading laws

enforced.

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Wales. Wintry showers in east and southeast England, with

rain, sleet or snow. Wales and northern England will be

cloudy with rain, turning to snow over the hills. Scotland and

Northern Ireland will be cloudy with rain, turning to sleet or

snow over high ground. The far north and west will be brighter

and drier. Outlook: cold but brighter with wintry showers.

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"Beatification would be very damaging to Jewish-Christian relations. She is not a suitable person to hold up as a model to Christians."

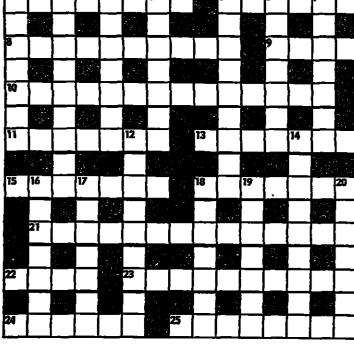
Samuel Toledano, a spokesman for Madrid's Jewish community, said: "She's a symbol of intolerance. It would be a step wards." Queen Isabella's conquistadors subjugated tribes all over the Americas.

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chair-

the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity to express concern."We are not even asking them to stop it, we are asking them to shelve it for the time being and do more historical research." said. "There is so much bad feeling. It is completely insensitive on the part of the Vatican,"

Dr Hesnam chairman of the Islamic Society for the Promotion of Religious Tolerance, said: "Muslims and Jews were forced at the point of a sword to convert to Christianity of die. She is more of a demon than a saint."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,480



ACROSS

1 Woman originally given pot plant (3-5).

5 Polish language spoken here (6). 8 Rich tart in attractive display

10 Help oneself from the plate and cause amazement (4.3.7). 11 Take time in payment for

13 Doorman aimed at the head (7).

15 Sandwich produced without hesitation in refreshment room 18 Punt by half-back at the right moment (7).

21 Feigned sympathy when school outing does damage (9,5).
22 Junior barrister doesn't start what he shouldn't do (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,479 TROMPLEE DED HEADSTONE E E N L ORONER DEFIANT EASTERN

have asked for it for in 1958. In ling dodgy stamps.

23 'Be mine!' - that's shattering from a student of philosophy (10).

24 Barchester chaplain, initially decent, went slowly downhill (6). 25 Very short celebration of French

DOWN

1 Pop art damaged by petroleum (4-3).

2 Eggs, perhaps, that can crack easily? (9). 3 Award for teaching method that captivates class (7).

4 Not a mistake to trip over the 5 The sort of peach that is the cheapest (4-5)

6 Prayers said to have been written by Chopin? (7). Run to sink (7). 12 Pinched plot - that's grave (6,

14 Affected, like an old woman one may have bats in the belfry 16 Gruff, like a soldier? (7).

17 Novelist failing to finish Moll Flanders, for example (7). 18 Strobe light at first goes out boost it (7).

19 Make a chemical measurement,

but treat it inaccurately (7),

20 Think one may incur a charge

Concise crossword, page 15

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard EXOGAMIA

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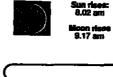
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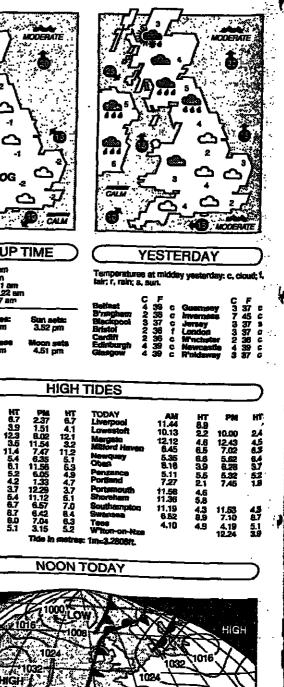
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Cantors said it had become

aware that invalid share

certificates for the company's

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A statement from Cantors

said: "Transfers lodged with

the registrars and purporting

to effect three large trans-

actions were accompanied by

such invalid certificates. The

matter, which emanates from

a source outside the company.

is being investigated by the appropriate authorities."

The transactions, which

came through more than one

stockbroker, came to light at

the end of last week, when

Barclays Registrars discov-

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cates did not match those on

the shareholders' register. The

International Stock Exchange,

the police and The Securities

Mr Nicholas Jeffrey, chief

executive of Cantors, said the

statement had been issued as

soon as possible to allow other

shareholders to check their

certificates. The size of the

attempted dealings is not

known, nor is it clear if anyone

has lost any money. Cantors A

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Southern climbs

Southern Water has raised its

interim dividend by almost 18

per cent on the back of an 18.5

per cent rise in pre-tax profits

over the pro forma figure from

its privatisation prospectus a

year ago. Tempus, page 21

Gestetner ahead

Gestetner (Holdings), the of-

fice equipment group, an-nounced pre-tax profits up from £36.2 million to £52.1

million in the year to end-

October. A final 6.4p dividend

raises the total from 7.0p to

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STOCK MARKET

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Closing Prices ... Page 25

INTEREST RATES

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Exchange index

Tempus, page 23

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BUSINESS

Executive Editor David Brewerton

TUESDAY DECEMBER 18 1990

Arrest HK Bank and after shares Midland drop enquiry By GILLIAN BOWDITCH AT LEAST one person has merger plans been arrested in connection with a scheme involving invalid share certificates in

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent, and Lulu Yu in hong kong

Hongkong and Shanghai have abandoned their

merger plans. Hongkong Bank is instead reorganising itself into a British-registered holding com-pany to quell fears about its future after 1997 when the crown colony is due to be

handed back to China. In a joint statement, the banks said it was not the right time for a "closer strutural association". They blamed difficult economic conditions and the uncertain state of financial markets.

All the Hongkong Bank shares will be transferred to a new British-registered holding company, HSBC Holdings pic, and shareholders will be offered one share in the new company for every four in the bank. The bank's listings in Hong Kong and London will be replaced by HSBC.

William Purves, the Hongkong Bank chairman, said HSBC would be managed and controlled in Hong Kong, have its headquarters there, and be subject to regulation by the colony's banking commissioner. As a non-resident company of Britain, however, it would not be liable to British tax on income and gains derived outside Britain.

"We have been in Hong Kong for the last 125 years. This is not the moment to turn our back on Hong Kong. We have no wish to leave Hong Kong," said Mr Purves.

He said the present group structure, with the bank acting as holding company to more than 500 subsidiaries and operations in 48 countries. was cumbersome, with commercial disadvantages.

ingly frequent questions about our plans and future from

MIDLAND Bank and the overseas regulators, banks and land's chairman, said neither investors. The concerns on bank was ready to merge. "A Banking Corporation their part may be misplaced, but they cannot be ignored,"

he said. Analysts expected plans for of us felt we could support that the Midland merger to be called off, but were surprised by Hongkong Bank's swiftness in finding a bolthole in the form of an overseas holding

company. "The message is clear, despite what the bank is saying. It is a thinly disguised act of no-confidence in Hong Kong and there will be much psychological reaction in the short term," said Mr Vincent Kwan, banking analyst with

Shearson Lehman Hutton. Hongkong Bank is not renewing the standstill agreement on the 14.9 per cent stake it took in Midland three years ago. This leaves it free to sell the shares after the agreement expires on Saturday.

But despite this, the bank said it was a "supportive and long-term" Midland shareholder. Hongkong Bank has suffered a book loss of more than £180 million on its investment in Midland. The banks also said they

would continue their joint ventures, including business cross-referrals and staff secondments



Purves: no wish to leave

merger of this size would have needed an awful lot of management time and neither

months," he said. The economic downturn has caused a collapse in profits and a surge in bad debts at both banks.

over the next 12 to 18

"The move would have been dangerous," said Sir Kit. "You cannot push an idea through, come what may." Midland is struggling to make a profit this year, after

heavy bad debt provisions. In 1989, Midland made a pre-tax profit of £616 million before write-offs against Third World debt. After write-offs, it suffered a £216 million loss.

Hongkong Bank recently announced a 21 per cent profit fall to HK\$1.53 billion (£10) million) for the year to end-

Sir Kit did not rule out a merger in the future once the banks had recovered from their present downturn. "A lot of work has been done," he said, "and the relationship is strong. But we are not counting on a merger like pie in the sky. It is there in the background."

Sir Kit added that he "absolutely did not believe" the Hongkong Bank would merge with anyone else.

But John Gray, Hongkong Bank's finance director, said they would look at other partners in Europe. "We still need a third leg to our stool."

In the City, analysts said Midland was now vulnerable to a takeover. While many candidates have been discounted, a large European bank might be attracted to Midland's strong position in

passport held before ms arrest

CHASE Manhattan Bank obtained an order which deprived Roger Levitt, the chairman of the Levitt financial services group, of his passport well before the bankrupt businessman was charged on Thursday with two counts of theft totalling £665,000. As part of his conditions of £500,000 bail, Mr Levitt was

told to surrender his passport to Clifford Chance, the solicitor, by a magistrate on Friday. Clifford Chance, which acts for Chase Manhattan and not Mr Levitt, already held Mr Levitt's passport pursuant to an ex-parte order made in cartera initiated by Chase.

Mr Levitt borrowed £16 million from Chase to buy a 20 per cent stake in his financial services group from LIT. This stake was later divided into four equal parts and sold to Chase, Legal & General: General Accident and Commercial Union for up

to £7.35 million each. Meanwhile, some investors who took out insurance policies and pension schemes via the Levitt Group, which went into liquidation last week, have discovered discrepancies after checking with insurance companies which invested the money. One man who had invested in an executive pension plan through the Levitt Group has discovered a £500,000 shortfall.

The man, who is near retiring, had invested in the fund for years. After hearing that the Levitt Group had gone into liquidation, he checked with the insurance company to be told the company valued the fund at £500,000 less than he had paid. The whereabouts of the missing money is not known and the investor spoke yesterday to the Serious Fraud

Nadir sent to Brixton prison after failing to meet record £3.5m bail

By Angela Mackay fresh fruit, electronics and hotels group, was held overnight in Brixton prison after he failed to meet his record bail of £3.5 million. Mr Nadir faces 18 charges of theft and false accounting amounting to more than £25 million. Fourteen of them relate to PPI and Unipac

The Turkish-Cypriot businessman, who in 20 years built PPI from a small East End clothing concern into an international company with businesses in Britain, America, Japan, Turkey and northern Cyprus, was arrested at Heath-

At Bow Street magistrates' court. Sir David Hopkin, the chief stipendary magistrate, Sir David Hopkin, granted bail of £3.5 million, of which £2 million was a cash deposit from Mr Nadir, and £1.5 million from up to five sureties. Mr Nadir is due to reappear in court on January 28.

But by late afternoon, the sureties had not been settled and Sir David refused an offer care of a partner of his solicitors until the money arrived.

sha, Mr Nadir's ex-wife, which and survival of the group. she said could be paid for by the sale of jewellery and big proportion of the cash antiques, but Sir David reputedly held on deposit in iected a £450,000 offer from Tijen Atun, Mr Nadir's niece, who said she would have to sell her home. Sir David said

ASIL Nadir, the chairman of Nejat Ugursal, a long-standing Polly Peck International, the family friend, was unsuitable but he could reapply today. Further bail offers will be heard at Bow Street from noon today.

Procecuting for the Serious Fraud Office, Lorga Harris opposed bail and said the charges were samples. However, Sir David accepted the offer made by Edward Jen-Packaging Industries, a kins, Mr Nadir's counsel, to wholly-owned subsidiary bas- make the cash deposit and ed in northern Cyprus, and the sureties of up to £1.45 million. Sir David increased the accounting in PPI cash books. amount of surety to £1.5 million.

Conditions of bail specify Mr Nadir should live and sleep at his address London's West End. and that he should report daily to

Savile Row police station. Sir David also ordered Mr row on Saturday, on his return from Turkey, and charged late Ports, British and otherwise," adding that he was not "to apply for any fresh travel documents, including air or rail tickets or anything.

Wearing a navy suit Mr Nadir stood silently during most of the hearing, which lasted about 15 minutes.

PPI, Mr Nadir's company, is in the hands of administrators who were called in after the company's 70 bankers were owed £1.3 billion. Richard Stone, of Coopers & to release Mr Nadir into the Lybrand Deloitte, one of the administrators, said Mr Nadir's arrest was unfortunate The magistrate accepted a and not helpful to their job of pledge for \tilde{E} 500,000 from Aye- achieving the reconstruction

The administrators said a reputedly held on deposit in Cyprus had been invested in property, largely hotels, on the island and in Turkey

Levitt's

vices have confirmed they are disposal company with an anticipated market capitalisation of more than £400 million. The merger involves an all-

Pledged £500,000: Ayesha, Asil Nadir's twice-

married and twice-divorced ex-wife yesterday

shares offer by Shanks for Rechem, supported by Rechem directors, who speak for

42.4 per cent of the company. Investors are being offered one new Shanks share for every two Rechem shares, with a partial cash alternative. The offer values Rechem

By Martin Barrow

SHANKS & McEwan and

shares at 646.5p, against a suspension price of 574p last Thursday, and the entire com-

pany at £171.6 million. Shares managing director of Rechem Shanks, suspended at and join the main board. £12.93, returned at £12.35 and Caird Group, the waste

Shanks merges with Rechem

Rechem Environmental Serfell to £11.88. the collection and disposal of waste in landfill sites round bulk liquids. Rechem toxic chemical waste and has incinerators at Pontypool,

Gwent, and Fawley, Hampshire, near the Esso refinery. Directors of Rechem will hold 7.6 per cent of Shanks'

enlarged equity base, having agreed not to sell their shares before January 1992. Richard Biffa, the Rechem chairman, wil become deputy chairman of the enlarged company. Malcolm Lee will continue as

disposal company that sur-Shanks' main business is vived a £78 million bid by Severn Trent this year, has denied that it will be unable to the country, and the treatment honour dividends due to prefspecialises in the treatment of that distributable reserves would also cover dividends for ordinary shareholders. The company has named John Ashton, formerly group finance director of Coats Viyella. as non-executive chairman. A group finance director is being sought to replace Christopher Parker, who will remain as company secretary

Banking on Rechem, page 23

Rate fears undermine the pound

By COLIN NARBROUGH **ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT**

STERLING was weak on foreign exchanges after a gloomy Confederation of British Industry trends survey forced market operators to think of a cut in base rates

Sterling closed in London at DM2.8675 yesterday, a fall of 1.34 pfennigs from its closing rate on Friday, reducing the possibility of an early monetary easing.
It retreated against the dol-

lar too, ending at \$1.9290, a fall of 1.10 cents, reflecting the firming of the American currency after the US and Iraq postponed plans for direct talks. On its trade-weighted index, the pound finished 0.3 lower at 93.2.

The Bank of England is clearly unhappy, though not alarmed, about sterling's weakness, a point made by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor, on television on In spite of intensified pres-

sure on the government to cut interest rates to prevent the recession deepening, money market rates firmed by as much as 1/s point, with the key three-month rate closing at 141/8-14 per cent. But the market was thin and confused. suggesting no serious upward pressure on base rate.

Paul Chertkow, chief currency strategist at Citibank, said the pound was in the "pre-Christmas doldrums".

GEC sued by **Hughes Aircraft**

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU

GENERAL Electric Company (GEC), the electronics group, s facing a lawsuit from The Hughes Aircraft Corporation alleging GEC helped sabotage Hughes's bid to build radar systems for the European Fighter Aircraft (EFA).

Hughes, a subsidiary of General Motors, has filed its suit in a federal court in Los Angeles and is seeking damages worth at least \$600 million on the grounds that GEC and four related companies have inter alia allegedly broken a confidentiality agreement and improperly

used Hughes's technologies. GEC and Hughes were originally part of a consortium led by Telefunken System Technik, a Daimler-Benz subsidiary, to provide a radar system largely based on Hughes's technology for the EFA, a new generation fighter aircraft that is being developed by a four-

nation European consortium. In January, GEC-Marconi bought Ferranti Defence Systems, which was leading a competing consortium on the basis of its own ECR 90 system. GEC Ferranti Defence Systems won the contract in May amid a dispute between the German and British governments.

GEC yesterday rejected the charges and said they would

papers from Hughes this morning, and they will be carefully studied. We believe there is no truth in the allegations."

The radar contract is estimated to be worth well over £1 billion to Ferranti and will provide about 2,000 jobs until the end of the decade.

However, these calculations were based on the original assumption that the EFA would eventually go into production, when it was estimated that Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain, the four participating countries, would

together buy 765 aircraft. However, doubts are grow ing over this after German government sources indicated Germany will pull out of the project after the completion of the prototype in 1992. If this decision is con-

firmed, it might jeopardise the entire project.
The EFA, which is to replace the existing Tornado fighter aircraft, involves four European companies: British Aerospace and Deutsche Aerospace, a Daimler-Benz company, with a stake of 33 per cent each, Aeritalia with 21 per cent and CASA of

Spain with 13 per cent. The German government has come under increasing pressure to scrap the project be vigorously defended. The altogether, the cold war hav-company said: "Our legal ing ended and because of the department received the rising costs for unification.



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Ensuring life after the Turtles

By Jonathan Prynn

MUTANT Turtles may come and go, but Tom and Jerry are for ever. Mosaic Investments, the holding company that owns the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle copyright throughout Europe, is lining up the venerable cat and mouse double act to fill the gap left when the Turtle star begins to wane.

Next year is the 50th anniversary of the cartoon series, an event expected to be accompanied by a massive product merchandising campaign. Among other long-running and reliable performers in the Mosaic stable are Dennis the Menace and Desperate Dan. Not yet in the same longevity league but still showing remarkable staying power are the characters from the musicals, Cats and Wildlife Fund, the organisation for the preservation of endangered species.

Despite announcing interim pre-tax profits up 74 per cent to £3.35 million and a halfway dividend increased by 19 per cent to 3.5p for the six months to end-October, the company's interim figures include only a small contribution from Mutant Turtle sales.

Royalties from the Turtle name are calculated only every three months, so Christmas sales will not be known until the end of March. Mosaic typically takes between 1 per cent and 2 per cent of the take. However, with high streets reporting roaring sales of almost any goods bearing the animated amphibians' name, analysts are pencilling in £9 million pretax profits and up to 20 per cent earnings growth for the full year.

ranging from windscreen wiper blades to property marketing, taking in stainless steel stockholding and ice-buckets en route. The company brings in entrepreneurial talent through acquisitions of small companies, while maintaining a close rein on capital expenditure and a virtually debt-free balance sheet.

But despite the benefits of the character merchandising deals, adult rather than childish pursuits may provide the biggest long-term growth potential for the group, which owns one of the leading nufacturers of spirit optic dispensers. With all pubs and restaurants in Britain required to meet new imperial optic measure specifications by the end of next year and to convert to metric measures two years after that, analysis are forecast-Starlight Express. Mosaic also earns. Convright Promotions the character ing massive smooth in the order market.

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Minority mopped up by Really Useful

REALLY Useful Holdings Andrew Lloyd Webber, the composer, used to take his company private this year, has reached agreement with the interests of Robert Holmes a Court, the late Australian businessman, on the blocking stake the latter bought during the buyback.

Mr Holmes à Court's Stoll Moss Theatres took a 6.7 per cent stake in Really Useful Group (the quoted vehicle) and refused to accept the 233p-a-share offer from RUH. It has now brought to an end the long-running wrangle between the two companies by accepting a new offer on

similar terms.

Mr Lloyd Webber can now compulsorily acquire the remaining shares. Mr Holmes à Court's motives in becoming involved with Mr Lloyd Webber's interests were always enigmatic but were thought to centre on a wish to buy RUG's Palace Theatre to add to his interests in London's theatreland.

But advisers to Mr Lloyd Webber insisted that no deals had been done between the two companies. although already there are business links and Lloyd Webber productions have appeared at Stoll

Circaprint loss

Circaprint, the manufacturer of printed circuit boards, re-ports a pre-tax loss of £2.8 million for the year to end-August, compared with a profit of £510,000. No dividend is being paid (2.4p). Bernard Stroud, the chairman. blamed "extremely difficult" conditions, particularly in the second half, and start-up costs at the factory in Northern

Cargo success

Cargo Control has received its recommended offer for Automobiles of Distinction. the Third Market vintage car dealer. The offer, which is unconditional, remains open.

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WORLD MARKETS

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The Nikkei index closed

down 261.59 points or 1.07 per cent, at 24,087.91 after

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points on Friday, mainly on

selling tied to the settlement of

December share index futures

contracts. But the index was

827.01 points up on the week on a general belief that interest

rates had peaked. Turnover

was only 270 million shares

against 800 million on Friday.

● Hong Kong — Profit-taking

in moderate dealings, fuelled

by market talk, drove prices

down to a sharply lower close.

The Hang Seng index plunged

73.77 to 3.051.92 while the

broader Hong Kong index slumped 48.59 to 2.000.22.

Turnover eased to HK\$693.69

million (£46 million) from

HK\$717.05 million on Friday

● Frankfurt - Prices fell 3.1

per cent as worries about

fading chances for peace in the

Middle East disturbed a mar-

ket thinned by end-of-the-year

factors. The Dax index dropped 46.51 to 1,475.87.

Sydney — Weaker overseas

markets and the Reserve

Bank's failure to cut interest

rates sent stocks to their

lowest close in six weeks. The

All-Ordinaries index ended

• Singapore - Prices closed

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By SARA MCCONNELL

Pay data seen as barely adequate, reports CBI

the information on pay avail- purposes. While a further 10 say 54 per cent of companies. per cent said it was clearly while 53 per cent regard able to them as inadequate inadequate, the remainder information on total pay, including the government's would only go as far as desofficial statistics. An unpublished study by cribing the data as adequate.

The survey results show the Confederation of British several areas where com-Industry found considerable panies regard the available disquiet among companies information on pay as lacking, about pay data, which the from offical government sour-CBI's report on the survey ces such as the monthly earnsays are important to the way ings figures and the annual New Earnings Survey, the "Good manpower planning CBI's own bi-monthly pay and cost control depends, Databank survey, and private inter alia, on sound pay sector pay analysts such as

Incomes Data Services and

Industrial Relations Services.

The biggest information gap able information on pay as is pay by particular occupa-

BUSINESSES largely regard "barely adequate" for their tions in individual localities, see these deficiencies in including basic rates and bomental organisations. nuses, as the most lacking.

Pay for particular industries and services is seen as a gap by 48 per cent while other gaps include incentive schemes (47 per cent), grading systems (33 per cent) and part-timers' pay (19 per cent). The CBI comments: "Given that pay bargaining at local rather than national level has generally been increasing in recent years, it is not surprising that firms report growing needs for

information on pay remedied, and the survey shows a clear preference for pay information work by non-governDividend

passed

at Anglia

Homes

By MATTHEW BOND

ANGLIA Secure Homes, this

time last year the first

housebuilder to make big

writedowns on its dev-

elopment land, has not felt the

need for further provisions

But that did not stop the

company, which specialises in

building retirement homes

from reporting near-doubled

pre-tax losses of £8.9 million

Anglia is passing its final dividend (0.75p), as it did

with the interim (1.25p).

Commercial Union, the in-

surance group, owns 12.2 per

cent and since April has had

Peter Edmondson, chair-man, said: "In 1990 the hous-

ing market in the South suc-

cumbed to a state of near

paralysis and any hope of a revival during the second half evaporated when interest rates

remained high. In truth, the

situation has deteriorated to

an extent unknown in pre-

The biggest of these is £4.5

million of interest that in

better times would have been

capitalised on undeveloped

land. But with no increase in

land values, this interest is

now being written off and

forms the largest part of a £6.5

Land may not have been

written down, but the value of

unsold apartments has been

by £1 million. After selling 443

appartments in the past year

(455), the company had 722

completed units ready for sale

at the year-end, with a further

149 under construction. A

further £1 million has been

provided for redundancy

costs, the company having cut

is workforce from 145 to 69 in

million exceptional item.

vious housing recessions."

joint ventures with Anglia.

in the year to September.

Half the businesses surveyed would like to see more pay information provided by employers' organisations, while 30 per cent would like government surveys, either compulsory or voluntary.

The CBI interprets this finding as indicating greater confidence in statutory-based government surveys; the survey shows that 57 per cent of companies said only about calised data." half the non-government companies would like to pay data was reliable.

Gatt chief seeks to revive trade round

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

has called negotiators to a meeting on January 15 in an effort to revive the suspended Uruguay Round talks on freer world trade.

In the meantime, Mr Dunkel, who has long given warning that farm and trade ministers would be unable to muster the political will to reach an accord by the original end-1990 deadline, will be discreetly visiting key capitals to lobby the leaders capable of taking the talks forward.

The ambitious round, in progress for four years, broke down this month in Brussels over the failure of the European Community and the United States to narrow their differences on agricultural

David Woods, the Gatt spokesman, sought to emphasise that the meeting of the coordinating committee called by Mr Dunkel for next month was only an informal gathering of ambassadors.

ARTHUR Dunkel, director- confident of getting the talks general of the General Agree-moving," he said. However, it ment on Tariffs and Trade, might "help kick off the negotiations in a serious way".

Last year the company wrote down the value of its Since the round was susland bank by over 30 per cent. This year, despite further falls pended, there have been no substantial signs of movement in land and house prices, the in the positions adopted by company says there is no need the main players in the crucial to write down values any area of farm support. further. But it has been hit by provisions elsewhere.

An attempt by John Major. the prime minister, to make the EC summit in Rome focus attention on resuscitating the Gatt talks appears to have yielded little. The commission has been instructed to step up its efforts to restart the round, but the formal summit statement indicated no retreat by the EC leaders.

Mr Major said it was clear that not all the concessions and changes had to come from the EC. "Others must move as

Amid the acrimony that accompanied the breakdown of the talks, Mr Dunkel was asked to find a way out of the impasse, as it is feared complete failure of the round could prompt trade wars and "We have an awfully long seriously slow the world way to go before we can be economy.

Unlike McCarthy & Stone, its market rival, which last week reported an increase in Germans invest in ILG average selling price, Anglia's prices were down. The average price per unit fell from £82.000 to £71,000. But Mr

Edmondson said there was the first glimmer of the market improving in some areas. Although gross margins slumped from 15.4 in 1989 to ael Crippa, deputy president 8.8 per cent last year, the strategy of maintaining sales has been successful in cutting

borrowing From a peak of £51 million in March, net borrowings have fallen to £35.5 million. Shareholders' funds are £32.1 million, giving gearing of 110 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP France wins go-ahead

on Saab-Scania aid THE European Commission will tomorrow give France the go-ahead to subsidise construction of a truck plant by Sweden's Saab-Scania in western France, commission

sources said. But the subsidy approved will be substantially smaller than the Fr300 million the French government originally planned to grant the Swedish truckmaker. One source said the commission would approve less than Fr200 million as the total amount of legitimate state aid towards Saab's total Fr1.7 billion investment.

Last September, when the Commission objected to the proportion of the investment the French authorities planned to provide, Sir Leon Brittan, competition commissioner, was empowered to negotiate a settlement rather than open an official enquiry. Commission experts said the bulk of the subsidy is in the form of regional development aid.

Electronic Data jumps

ELECTRONIC Data Processing lifted its taxable profits from £1.04 million to £2.1 million in the year to the end of September on turnover of £16.65 million (£16.03 million). A final dividend of 2.225p makes 3p (2.65p). Earnings a share more than doubled, from 8.45p to 17.38p. Michael Heller, the chairman, was confident that the improvement in profitability would continue.

Brasway sales slide by 13% BRASWAY, the tube and

bar manufacturer that issued a trading warning in September, has reported profits down from £1.6 million before tax to £650,000 for the six months to end-October. Earnings fell from 1.42p a share to 0.56p. The interim dividend is maintained at 0.24p. Turnover fell 13 per cent to £19.7 million, with all divisions reporting a decline in sales.

Quiligotti interim dip

OUILIGOTTI, the Stockport company that manufactures, supplies and installs terrazzo tiles, saw pre-tax profits dip in the six months to end-September from £1.21 million to £1.08 million. Sales rose from £10.6 million to £12.8 million and earnings per share fell from 2.72p to 2.41p. The interim

dividend is unchanged at 0.76p.

John Riordan, the group's chairman, attributed the fall in profits to the downturn in the British construction industry and the start-up costs in America. "Overall, current trading remains at an encouraging level and the board is confident that, by maxmising the opportunities available to the group. it will be able to report satisfactory results for the year," he said. The shares were unchanged on the unlisted securities

Tootal moves Hilclare seeks into Hungary

TOOTAL Group, the textile company, is to set up a joint venture distribution firm in Budapest. The company, Angol Cerna, will initially be jointly owned by Tootal and Borker, a Hungarian textile firm, but Tootal will seek a majority stake once this is permitted by the country's foreign ownership laws. Angol Cerna will be capitalised at about

USM listing HILCLARE, manufacturer

of lighting products, pro-poses to move from the thirt market to the unlisted securities market through an introduction by Charlton Seal. Dealings are expected to begin on Thursday. Thethird market is set to be phased out by the end of this year. Annual results to end-March showed pre-tax profits of £322,000 and earnings of 8p a share.

Provisions at Melville

PROVISIONS against investments have reduced the net asset value per share of Melville Street Investments, the development capital company, by 8 per cent from 160p to 147p during the six months to end-October.

George Philip, the chairman, said the provisions had been made because of the slowdown in the economy. "There is, however, considerable strength and maturity within the fund and this should be of benefit to shareholders in the future," he said. Two of the company's investments went into receivership during the period and two new investments. were made. Pre-tax revenue for the period was £559,000. compared with £512,000 last year. The interim dividend is increased by 50 per cent to 1.5p and the company has said that the final dividend "should not be less" than the 3p paid.

confirmed that the society had its 49 per cent holding in the vention of the Data Protection company to two German retail and service holding of Hudson Place Investments. been awarded costs, expected to be in excess of £50,000. "When the need arises we use The case against the society, investors. charged with "knowingly or Omnicorp Advisory Serrecklessly holding personal computerised information to vices, a Swiss company, has going to Harpener, the Dort-

Arthur Dunkel: finding a way out of the impasse

sense" by Mr Justice Blofeld. when it was announced that A Halifax spokeswoman its major shareholder had sold

prevention when not properly building societies do this." | stake in Hudson Place Invest- holding company.

UNCERTAINTY surround- ments, the ILG holding com- ILG said last night that the ing the future of Harry Good- pany. Speculation had been changes will have no affect on THE Halifax Building Society registered under the Act", was man's International Leisure growing that this meant that the management or running of was found not guilty at Leeds dismissed as "complete non- Group was ended last night Mr Goodman faced a difficult the company, although Michtime in keeping his fastexpanding empire together.

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

Now Asko, the German company, has taken a 19.5 per cent stake, with the remainder data for the purposes of crime trace fraud. All banks and for months wanted to shed its mund industrial and financial

The remaining shares in ILG are held by Mr Goodman, individual board members and a number of British financial institutions.

of Asko's subsidiary, Comco

Holdings, will join the board

STOCK MARKET

Index falls Prices depressed by CBI survey 261 points and uncertainty in the Gulf in Tokyo Tokyo PRICES closed easier in un-

from a pre-Christmas malaise and the latest survey from the Confederation of British Inexciting trading after being day. Fresh worries about the dustry, which forecast an un-Gulf sent Wall Street and oil happy new year for Britain's company chiefs who expect prices lower and the dollar the recession to intensify with higher against the yen on further falls in output. Senti-Friday, setting the stage for a ment was not helped by more uncertainty in the Gulf and an Wayne Rayner, a dealer at Sanyo Securities, said: "There initial decline on Wall Street did not belp. has been nothing in the way of The FT-SE 100 index traded

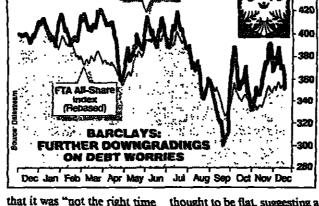
> in a relatively narrow range, before closing 10.5 lower at 2,157.9. The FT index of 30 shares shed 11 to 1,690.2. Volume only managed to reach 333.8 million shares. Gilts lost 1/2 in quiet trading, disappointed by a weak pound making an early cut in interest rates less likely. Genuine investment interest was limsituations to generate activity.

> On the bid front, confirmation of the £172 million offer for Rechem Environmental Services from Shanks & McEwan, the construction and waste management group, which brings together two of Britain's leading waste dis-posal groups, left Rechem up 6p to 580p and Shanks down 105p £11.88. The all-share offer values each Rechem share at 6461/20.

The clearing banks were depressed as analysts cut their forecasts amid bearish warnings from the banks. Fears mounted that next year is going to be as tough as, if not worse than, this year, affected by bankruptcies in the manufacturing sector as the recession deepens.

Brokers are particularly concerned about worsening debt positions. Barclays fell 13p to 349p, with Warburgs cutting its full-year forecast from £1.1 billion to £875 million, although this is at the lower end of expectations.

to 1.171.58. The decline was Midland eased 4p to 209p due to Friday's drop on Wall after confirmation that it had Street, lower regional exchanges, sharn rises in oil abandoned its merger with the



that it was "not the right time for a closer structural association". Others affected included National Westminster, off 13p to 269p, and Lloyds, down 11p to 286p. Standard Chartered slipped 8p to 260p. Electricity shares gained continued support with premiums again above 50 per cent on the partly paid offer price of 100p. Trade is expected to pick up when private

investors are sent their allotment letters this week. 2.8 million shares were traded.

Yorkshire rose 4p to 163p as

gearing, are expected soon.

slipped 6p to 179p and Boots fell 7p to 323p. Next, settling after last week's bear raid, rose ½p to 14p. Southern Water climbed 1p to 247p after a good set of results with interim pre-tax profits of £50.5 million and a better than expected dividend. Northumbrian rose 1p to 278p and Yorkshire climbed 3p to

real decline of about 10 per cent. GUS A led the falls,

sliding 38p to £10.50. Dixons

lost 5p to 135p, while Ratners

265p, but Weish lost 2p to The Goodhead printing, free newspaper and design services group firmed 1p to 61p after the news that the group had recently won magazine-printing contracts, worth £2.5 million annually, for its Portbury works near Bristol, bringing the plant close to full capacity. Further developments, which should ease

of a bed-and-breakfast deal.

while Manweb firmed 2p to 277p. The water package was 172p. East Midlands slipped unchanged at £25.80. ½p to 144p on 2.6 million Racal Electronics hardened shares. Midland eased 1/2p to Ip to 188p after a last-minute 142p on a volume of 2 million. block deal which saw 9 million

Northern lost Ip to 145p. Norweb slipped 2p to 147p. Seeboard rose 2p to 149p. Southern was unchanged at 1461/2 as was London at 143/20. South Wales fell 11/2p to 164p, while South West slid 21/20 to 149p. The electricity package was unchanged at 1493p.

The stores sector continued to be subdued despite a weekproviding a bright feature in an otherwise dull property sector. Land Securities fell 9p to 530p, while MEPC lost 10p to 493p and Redland feli 12p to 563p. Kleinwort Benson is believed to have cut its current forecasts for FKI, the electrical

products and engineering group, from £50 million to £45 million, although Panmure, the house broker, is understood to be looking for £53 million. The shares slipped 4p to 46p. Despite being affected by a

dismal British market, the ERF truck manufacturer recovered 15p to 123p, driven forward by a combination of bid rumours and African order hopes. Better than expected figures

from Gestetner, the office equipment group that does the bulk of its business overseas, helped the shares climb 8p to 207p. The company reported pre-tax profits of £52.1 million for the year to end-October. Sandy Morris at County Nat West WoodMac is looking for profits to rise to £63 million in the current year. Electronic Data Processing. the computer distributor, rose

8p to 79p after good full-year figures and a confident trading statement. MTM lost 16p to 131p after the news of the boardroom

shake-up and BAT Industries slipped 7p to 591p after Hang Seng,.... FT-SE Eurotrack CBS Tendency

brokers' comment on Eagle Star's property exposure. NFC eased 4p to to 116p shares changing hands, push- before today's full-year figing Racal's total volume for ures, with the transport and the day to 16.7 million property group expected to Analysts said that the trade announce pre-tax profits of had all the signs of the first leg about £95 million, against £90.2 million. However, most through which investors sell eyes will be on NFC's exposhares on one day to buy them sure to the sterling-dollar ex-Gold Mines Fixed interest back the next to have the change rate, the domestic shares out of the books for tax property market (through its FT. Govt Secs Bargains SEAO Volume Continued bid speculation tuating oil prices.

Gulf fears send Dow sliding

BLUE chips fell during the morning, affected by fears about the Middle East amid the continued deadlock on

American-Iraqi talks. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped by 14 points to 2,579.81. Declining shares outnumbered rises by about seven to two in the general market. President Bush said that he hoped talks with Iraq

William Seidman, the head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, said the bank insurance fund would probably lose \$5 billion next year and that the fund is weak but solvent. (Reuter)

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the global ambitions of Midland Bank were finally

put on hold at the weekend,

a decision which will cheer

shareholders, except those who

were hoping, against all probabi-

lity, for a quick offer from

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking

Corporation. Midland's biggest

shareholder has realised it does

not need to merge to make its

distance from Hong Kong this

can be done by swapping shares

in the bank for those in a British

incorporated non-resident hold-

ing company. Come the time

when the Hong Kong kitchen gets

100 hot and the overseas

regulators begin asking questions

about the group's status, the structure will be already in place.

This leaves the future of

Midland as confused as ever. It is

a bank which is shrinking and

will continue to do so. It will

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ment, shrink the balance sheet

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branches and shrink its head

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Midland, biggest bank in the

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the merger.

year the offer still represents a

Midland shrinks for shareholders

this is likely to be of benefit to shareholders, who have suffered more than enough from Midland's grandiose plans of the past. At the very least, it makes it unlikely that Midland will need or attempt to raise fresh capital.

But Sir Kit McMahon, one of the diminishing breed of chief executives who also doubles as chairman, now has to face the reality that Midland has either to deliver, or be delivered to a more successful competitor. Neither time nor circumstances are on his side and he knows it. Midland is still important enough in the British corporate market to catch a cold when industry sneezes. It is never far from the table when corporate disasters strike. Bad debts have become a familiar part of everyday life for Midland folk and it is far from certain that the worst, so far as corporate Britain is concerned, is over.

Midland does have a back-ofinsignificance in Europe but a the envelope plan for life beyond domestic retail significance. All the aborted merger. It gets into

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

shape at home, attacking the cost base and moving the armies of back office staff quartered in every branch into low cost centralised administrative factories. It continues to develop and refine its retail offer, more strictly controls its risk asset levels. At the same time, it develops the wholesale and fee businesses in Europe. Survival is not a problem, and given a fair wind in the economy, neither is modest prosperity.

But the decision to call off the Hong Kong merger does put Midland into double jeopardy. It takes away a prospective partner which might have given the bank a semi-independent future. And it leaves a substantial share block in the hands of a holder who

might, given the right offer, be prepared to sell Midland to the highest bidder, despite the protestations of support offered in yesterday's statement. Hongkong Bank does, after all, have its own shareholders to consider.

Tiny's hand

etirement is not a thought which readily crosses Tiny Rowland's mind as he ponders his 74th Christmas and as colleagues continue to admire his poise and stamina.

But Lonrho, where Mr Rowland is chief executive, has an inevitable succession problem which one day must be addressed and the name of Gencor, the South African mining group, refuses to lie down.

A Lonrho-Gencor marriage would create a mining empire with a market capitalization of £4 billion and which would rival RTZ on the world stage.

But, a Lonrho-Gencor wedding smacks more of a festive fable than a plausible reality if only because such a definitive tie up would tip Lonrho firmly into the mining camp - after years of smartly counter-balancing group assets with non-mining interests - and firmly into a still whiteruled South Africa.

For Gencor's part, Gencor's chairman, Derek Keys, has formally denied it is considering merging with Lonrho.

Meanwhile, Lonrho continues to muddle the investment waters with Mr Rowland quoted as saying: "If it suits Gencor, we will be merging. Lonrho will be taking over Gencor if it happens." Such double talk leaves the market confused. While Lonrho might in Lonrho looks premature, at best.

time have territorial ambitions in the "new" post-apartheid South Africa, that time is not yet here.

Lonrho, which has trod a long road in traditional black Africa, is unlikely to do anything that will put that long-standing role in black Africa at risk.

There will always be areas of co-operation within the world of mining where even corporate foes find common cause to tackle costly development projects.

Lonrho and Gencor, both independently minded and aggressive, already co-operate with cross shareholdings on the platinum front in South Africa, where both have contiguous platinum metal mines. Common business sense suggests there will be other areas of mutual benefit between the two.

Gencor, though very much a South African concern, continues to expand on the international front with strategic investments in TransAtlantic Holdings, mining interests in Turkey and Brazil, oil and gas stakes in the North Sea and mineral sands interests in Australia.

But talk of a full merger with

AT FIRST glance, £171.6 Why Shanks million appears to be a great deal of money to pay for two chemical waste incinerators. A more detailed study of the is banking on terms of Shanks & McEwan's agreed bid for Rechem Environmental Services sim-Shares in Britain's quoted Rechem for sub-sector of waste disposal companies have continued to defy gravity during the economic downturn, despite concerns about their environ-



Looking for merger success: Peter Runciman (left)

and Roger Hewitt of Shanks & McEwan yesterday

at the end of the last financial months the scramble for land-

year boasted net assets of just fill sites, particularly in the

£11.25 million and has a pen- overcrowded Southeast of

versy over shipments of polychlorinated biphenyls destined for an incinerator in Pontypool on the Karin B, and a profits warning. In addition, Rechem's relat-A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE STATE OF THE STA ionship with neighbouring communities and local authorities can best be described as The state of the s fraught. Its very origins - BET was delighted to accept an offer in 1985 from the managers of its waste disposal interests

clean and let others do the dirty work. If the choice of bedfellow has surprised followers of Shanks, so have the terms of

to form what is now Rechem

eagerness to keep its nose

chant for getting on the wrong England, had begun, and side of the City and the media. prices took off. The Hanson The company is offering Hence its volatile shares, one new share for every two which this year have traded a sleepy housebuilding and Rechem shares, with a partial between 445p and 700p. cash alternative, valuing Re-Peter Runciman, the chairchem at 646.5p a share. This man of Shanks, is no stranger represents an exit multiple of to controversy. In 1986 be 30, based on last year's earnsanctioned the acquisition of ings of 21.5p a share. Even on London Brick Landfill from estimated earnings for this Hanson Trust for £33 million,

All this for a company that siders. Yet within a matter of commercial logic of a com-

pany that can offer an all-round service. Until now Shanks has concentrated on landfill, while Rechem's skills lie in making hazardous chemicals safe for their immediate disposal. Shanks intends to place greater emphasis on the treat-

ment of special and hazardous waste, a business that enjoys higher profit margins than the less sophisticated landfill operations. Shanks handles about 150,000 tonnes of liquids, sludges and special wastes a year and is able to dispose of some of the treated products in licensed containment sites. Surplus toxic waste is transferred to other operators, including Rechem, for

treatment and disposal.

Only a clutch of new incinerators is likely to be built in Britain over the next decade but Shanks' financial strength may help Rechem undertake developments on the Continent, where waste incineration is in its infancy.

Only time will tell whether Shanks has the grit that will be needed to integrate Rechem without too many hitches. With an equity base enlarged by 36 per cent, some dilution of earnings seems inevitable. The two companies' styles

of management are also poles apart. Rechem directors have pledged not to sell their Shanks shares, which amount to 7.6 per cent of the enlarged equity base, until 1992. Richard Biffa and Malcolm Lee, chairman and chief executive respectively, have agreed to continue managing the business, with Mr Biffa as deputy chairman of the merged

A TOTAL ON

deal transformed Shanks from

construction business into a

top waste disposal company

Can that success be re-

peated? Mr Runciman and his

managing director, Roger

Hewitt, are convinced this will

be the case, pointing to the

that has never looked back.

For other shareholders the situation may not be so satisfactory. Shanks' investors who believe their company is overpaying may not carry enough clout to stop the deal going ahead. The board of Rechem speaks for 42.4 per cent of the company and has given its consent. Other Rechem shareholders may not be so happy about receiving new Shanks shares that are unlikely to set the City alight until all the questions relating to the merger are answered.

MARTIN BARROW

Core business virtues run still but deep at Southern Water

months.

TEMPUS

SOUTHERN has turned out to be the sheep in wolf's clothing among the privatised water groups. Billed as the aggressive diversifier, it has instead proved to be among the most cautious of the ten in

September 30 and most of that was arm's length sales to the core business. Further moves are planned, but William Courtney, the chairman,

modest bolt-on acquisitions. Diversification rapidly ceased to be fashionable among investors in water shares, as the solid virtues of the core business became more apparent. With sheep back in fashion, Southern's image should have gained moves into unregulated ven-

privatised groups, though this mainly reflects the relatively tight terms of the original issue in an affluent shareowning area of the country.

tional increase of almost 18 Pre-tax profits of £52.1 mil-per cent, among the highest of lion in the year to end-October movements were neutral.

18.5 per cent on the pro forma figure for last year. This suggests about £97 million pre-tax for the full year and earnings of about 53p per

Assuming the final divi-

dend is raised in line with the late in March, and Hanimex interim, this leaves Southern shares among the most modestly-rated in the sector,

ness and allied services.

The non-core businesses contributed only about £20 million of the £127 million turnover in the six months. Water shares have per-formed well of late and recent

French sales of other companies may be a pointer to more profit taking. Within that context, however, Southstresses they will probably be ern looks sound value for a company that has to bear fewer risks on its investment programme than most.

Gestetner

THE LOW rating accorded Gestetner's shares appears to have more to do with the strongly from the unexpect- market's perception of prosedly measured pace of its pects for the battered office equipment sector and the fondness of its Australian This has not happened. The management team for the shares at 247p are still the more exotic type of financial second lowest priced of the ten instrument than any inherent instrument than any inherent weakness in the business.

The shares, as high as 258p after the interim figures in the summer, have slumped as low as 171p within the past month Southern has partly re- before a mild recovery and dressed the balance with a some encouraging full-year maiden interim dividend of figures yesterday left them 8p on the day at 207n.

the group. But even this compare with £36.2 million earned only a 1p rise in the previously, and although they shares on a day when market are heavily affected by the acquisition of the Hanimex A modest 11 per cent rise in operating costs left profits well 1989 and Nashua's non-up to the mark at £50.5 mil- American business earlier this growth of 11 per cent.

The profit line is more with its strong reliance on retail markets, has turned out to be a severe disappointment. contributed just £11.1 million in the latest year, against £7.4 million in the previous three

disposal of huge amounts of stock at fire sale prices, halving margins to little more than 5 per cent. Meanwhile, office systems, the original core business, saw trading profits up by £20 million to £61.9 million, about £12 million of from a first-time seven-month contribution from Nashua.

The most conservative foremillion, puts the shares on a multiple of little more than seven times future earnings. The current year will be tough, Gestetner says; but it has promised to pay off all borrowings while avoiding further acquisitions unless the prices on offer reduce even further.

Concern remains about Gestetner's accounting poli-cies and its treatment of its convertible loan notes, which give the Australian group AFP virtual control as equity rather than debt. Such concern looks overdone, although the market may take further convincing.

Hanson

HANSON has broken with the traditional Christmas spirit of giving to others and instead has given to itself.

The donation is an accounting gift of several millions, the lion pre-tax, an increase of year, they mask organic sales nature of which has raised analysts' eyebrows.

Hanson, more noted for complex because Hanimex, deals than for financial balancing acts, has exceeded Corrective action came too in the ground, an act unprece- misgivings.

dented in the world of mining. Specifically, Hanson has written up by £2.1 billion the fixed assets of Peabody Holding. America's largest coal group, for which it paid £653 million this summer.
The net effect of this and

other accounting entries is to Action taken included the make Peabody's net worth equal its purchase price. There is, therefore - and contrary to what would have been the obvious consequence of paying £653 million for a group of assets with a net worth of £321 million at time of purchase no goodwill writedown. In the improvement coming turn, shareholders' funds are not diminished.

Eyelids had earlier started to twitch at Hanson's belated cast for the current year, £63 disclosure that it had increased group provisions for liabilities by £1.94 billion to £3.44 billion, of which £1.55 billion relates to potential liabilities to pneumoconiosis (black lung disease) compensation claims.

Now, eves are not only wide open but blinking as the market - in a style unthinkable only a few years ago seriously questions the quality of Hanson's earnings. This in turn has already rubbed off on the share price, down a further 54p at 1934p yesterday.

Now that balance sheets are being questioned as a matter of course, Hanson's 1990 accounts have done the company few favours.

Hanson may have time on its side. It is capable of pulling a takeover out of the bag that will convince the market not all the magic has been lost. And in the meantime it retains a band of friends who will hear no criticism.

But on pre-tax profit estimates of £1.3 billion this year (£1.29 billion) and a price/earnings ratio of 9.6 (compared with a market itself in nerve by putting a average of 10), Hanson stock valuation on its coal reserves reflects the market's

but some analysts think AT&T stands a good chance

of winning. More than two-thirds of NCR shareholders

are big institutions that have

never seen a NCR price close

Both companies' shares

eased 25 cents in New York

yesterday, NCR to \$88.625 and AT&T to \$30.375.

NCR directors have dis-

missed a \$90-a-share bid to be

the \$90 a share cash offer.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Legless with laughter

DESIGN guru Michael Peters, whose company Michael Pe-ters Design is now owned by Craton Lodge & Knight which, in turn, is 49 per cent owned by Hillsdown Investment Trust - has not lost his sense of humour despite the traumas of the past year. Awarded the OBE in the Queen's birthday honours list in June, jovial Peters has only been allowed to use the initials for the past two months. Clearly enjoying the novelty. he wrote to a prospective client in Italy a few weeks ago and signed the letter, "Yours sincerely. Michael Peters OBE." The reply, which he has just received, was addressed to "Mr Obe." No doubt further cheered by the fact that Design Magazine, published by the Design Council, has just recognised his firm for having won more design awards than any other company in Britain during the past five years. Peters was equally amused when he was stopped by customs at Heathrow last week, after a business trip to Brussels. Having looked through his bag and scrutinised his passport, the customs officer then asked him to roll up his trouser legs. Laughing, and offering to drop his trousers instead. Peters dutifully complied, and was

walking with a slight limp. I've got trouble with my cartilage. Next time I'll use a wheel-

a price that mystified out-

FRAMED notice spotted by a reader in a Bloomsbury bank manager's office: "Golf is like a love affair. If you don't take it seriously, it's no fun. If you do take it seriously, it breaks

Exceptions to rule AMID the rush of redunweek, two respected City figures slipped quietly away from their posts at Kleinwort Benson, entirely of their own

instructed to stop just as he got

were apparently looking for a man with a wooden leg," says Peters, still laughing. "They stopped me because I was cight", led by Charlie Hue "He has no airs of grandeur. I happened to be travelling on the same train as him a little while ago and he spotted me known.

accord. Chris Honnor, a former Grieveson Grant partner



"It's a Christmas card

eight", led by Charlie Hue Williams, reisgned to join another City firm. His intended destination is not yet

> CLASSIFIED advertisement in The Hindu, published in Madras: "Wanted: science graduates for selling engineer-ing hardware and female stenographers."

Patten patter

TEARING himself away from his wolves - he has three in dancies at City firms last the grounds of his Berkshire home and they are currently being featured in a Banks Bitter television advertisement in the Midlands - Roger Palmer, a director of Kleinwort Benson, will today be hosting the firm's annual elobal investment strategy conference in its Fenchurch Street building. Apart from discussing the merits of Benson considers to be the two cheapest stock markets in the world - Palmer will also be welcoming back an old ten, who was booked to speak when he was still environment secretary, was once a political consultant to Grieveson door of a northern nightclub: Grant, in the days when he "Stripper required for Dance of was nothing more than a the Seven Veils. Must be able backbench member for Bath. to count."

"His personality hasn't

Wood, who arrived at Klein-wort as one of the "Wedd the same train as him a little while ago and he spotted me and came over and had a

> Purée-ile EVENTS in the world of

banking are, it seems, growing so dire that analysts are retreating into a world of make-believe. IBCA, the bank rating agency, has just published a wildly ficticious report on Tomato Bank, a Jananese "souper-regional" bank with close contacts in the Green movement. The report claims that Tomato's slogan "lettuce be your bankers" was beginning to bear fruit, but criticised the bank for saladdressing its accounts. The bank also has some way to ketch up with its peers, despite pruning costs. Simon Adamson; an analyst, wrote the report in an idle moment, and it has caused much mirth among the staff there. But the investing in Britain and IBCA has stopped short of France - which Kleinwort sending the report put to its clients. "They might have taken it seriously," says Peter Munro, the marketing director, especially since there Kleinwort Benson friend, really is a Tomato Bank in Chris Patten, now chairman of Japan. Any connection is, he the Conservative party. Pat- of course insists, purely

accidental. NOTICE spotted stuck on the

BT may team with IBM in race for world dominance

A MAJOR international race to dominate the world market linking computers and telephone lines has been sparked 👯 Telegraph's hostile \$6.4 billion cash bid for NCR.

on cash bid for NCA.

International Business Mahines, the world's largest chines, the world's largest computer maker employing 18,000 in the United Kingdom, hinted yesterday that it may develop closer links with British Telecom in a move which experts believe will be the start of a global restructuring of the telecommunications

industry during the Nineties. It is understood the two are discussing what would be British Telecom's most ambitious international expansion. BT, headed by lain Vallance, would take over IBM's internal communications system and link it to its own international data network, Tymnet, bought from McDonnell Douglas, the aircraft maker, last year.

British Telecom also owns a 20 per cent state in McCaw Cellular Communications, the largest mobile telephone company in America. An alliance between BT and

IBM would enable them to offer leading corporations a worldwide and comprehensive communications services. An IBM spokesman said: "We cannot comment on any specific proposals and we growing parts of the computer are certainly not going to get into the business of owning a source of high-margin income America with 70 per cent of ances and joint ventures." common telephone carrier, for the telephone companies. the market, highlighted just but British Telecom is a significant customer and buys ventures with NTT, the Japa- become when it announced it Telecom was trading up 37.5 substantial hardware and soft-nese telecommunications would launch a shareholder cents at \$55.75 in New York ware from us and we buy a giant, offering computer net- fight against NCR to dismiss



Iain Vallance of BT: discussing expansion

those discussions as propri- phone company. etary and not for comment."

wire is among the fastest as an international force.

substantial amount of their work links between various the entire board. Victory in

"We are constantly talking previous three-cornered deal to them about a variety of in America, but this broke up business arrangements which leaving it with a 17 per cent compete in the international they might find mutually stake in MCI, America's secconvenient, but we regard ond largest long distance tele-

Industry experts say linking over NCR, some experts esthe chip with the telephone timate it will rank behind IBM

AT&T, the largest long dis-IBM already has two joint how high the stakes can to \$111.25 and British

paid in AT&T shares, and its latest price to be paid in cash, as grossly inadequate. Charles Exley, chairman, has threatened to resign should the bid succeed and says AT&T could not run the company without the support of incumbent management Ms Wendy Abramowitz,

technology analyst with Argus Research, the institutional research firm, said: "The computer companies do have the upper hand, because their products can use the phone lines whoever owns them. But the telephone companies have no way of building the hardware and software required to network marker."

IBM said: "We are under no illusions. Although we are If AT&T succeeds in taking committed to the core business of computer manufacture, no company is going to be able to offer everything international corporations business and a lucrative tance telephone company in want and there will be alli-

IBM shares added 25 cents

PHILIP ROBINSON

British negotiators may decide fate of Pan Am and TWA

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

SIX British civil servants could this week decide the fate of Pan Am and TWA, the American airlines. In talks at the Department of Transport on Thursday and Friday, the British negotiators will be asked to scrap rules forbidding new airlines to operate to and from Heathrow airport and, by so doing, allow United Airlines to take over Pan Am's operations there and American to replace TWA.

If they fail to act now, their American counterparts will warn, Pan Am might be forced out of business within weeks and TWA may follow within months. Whitehall is unlikely to be moved by the pleas from America, where fears are growing that spiralling fuel prices and a worldwide recession could lead to the collapse of several leading airlines.

Robert Crandall, the chairman of American Airlines. said his plans to buy TWA operations to Heathrow and to expand to Gatwick and Stansted depended on the British government agreeing to substitution at Heathrow.

He added: "We are only asking for . . . the substitution of one carrier for another. It would be fundamentally unreasonable of the British government to decline."

To change the rules, however, requires by law a period of consultation. When this is complete, by the middle of January at the earliest, Malcolm Ruskind, the transport secretary, will be asked to make recommendations to Parliament, which, if accepted, will lead to full talks. The desperation of the Americans has handed British negotiators an ace in their efforts to reach agreement over improved access to American markets by British airlines.

Services between Britain and America are governed by a bilateral agreement known as Bermuda Two, which limits the number of routes airlines on either side can fly. British Airways says the agreement is unfair and that it should be able to operate to more American cities than it does, operate internal flights in America and be able to buy a large slice of an American domestic carrier. All such pleas have fallen on deaf ears because the American government was anxious to protect its airlines from what it saw as unfair foreign

ave a...



Deliberating on Heathrow's future: Malcolm Rifkind

and TWA in trouble, the balance of power has switched. United Airlines says that if it is to hand over £205 million Pan Am for Heathrow facilities, United must be 'allowed to substitute its aircraft on the routes now flown by Pan Am. Last night, American laid down the same con-

ditions over its bid to buy

TWA's European routes. If the

competition. With Pan Am the rules and waits for consultation to run its course, it runs the risk of being accused of killing off two leading American airlines. If the civil servants give way, there will be an outcry from other airlines, including Virgin Atlantic, Cathay Pacific and Air New Zealand, who will say they too should be allowed in. Heathrow could not cope with the added capacity the new transport department sticks to routes would generate.

The full-year losses were

value of certain property

longer intends to capitalise

'Going concern' doubt at Zurich

By MATTHEW BOND

SHARES in Zurich Group, a going concern and the the troubled property and carrying value of parts of the motor dealing company, fell group's stock, work in 2p to 4p as the company

progress and current asset posted two sets of poor results. investments. In the year to end-January, struck after the company the company made a pre-tax made exceptional provisions loss of £9.3 million, compared with a pre-tax profit of £3.5 of £6.6 million against the million the year before. Michdevelopments, and wrote off a ael Dee, chairman, said the further £1.5 million of preresults had been qualified by viously capitalised interest. Touche Ross, the auditor, on Mr Dee said the company no two points - Zurich's status as **LONDON TRADED OPTIONS**

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interest. He also announced that the company was in talks with its advisers to look at ways of raising new capital. Last December, four directors were forced to resign. Sal Lalani, who replaced Robert Noonan, former chief executive of Marler Estates, as chairman, himself resigned

three months later, and was replaced by Mr Dee. In the six months to July, the company made a pre-tax loss of £1.5 million. There is no interim dividend, just as there were no dividends the vear before.

Mr Dee said the interim losses reflected the continuing interest burden incurred on non-performing property development loans and the extremely difficult market conditions. The company has net borrowings of £18.7 million.

The company believes it has now written down property values realistically, Mr Dee

Margins fall at Worthington

AJ WORTHINGTON (Holdings), the textiles manufacturer and knitwear importer, saw its pre-tax profits rise from £217,000 to £234,000 but its profitability fall on a turnover of £3.58 million (£1.92 million) for the six months ended September 30. As usual, there is no interim dividend, but the board hopes to pay a final at least equal to last year's 0.625p. Earnings a faisified a document required share eased from 1.7p to 1.5p. for an accounting purpose, last year's 0.625p. Earnings a

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Indifference to Finding little support from Lloyd's Council warning signs

From Dr Geoffrey Francis Sir, Lloyd's, and therefore its "names", will somehow have to find some £6 billion-plus between now and 1992 in order to meet their impending claims liabilities.

Lloyd's seems strangely, some would say supremely, indifferent to the warning signs flashing in the form of 1989 year losses posted by the UK insurance companies in the wake of UK and European storms, US hurricane, Cahfornian earthquake and US pollution/petrochemical claims. Worsening US liability and asbestosis losses are now to be followed by US savings and loans, Gulf aviation and one or two blood-

Under the arcane three-year accounting system, Lloyd's appears to wish to ignore the problems it is facing until 1992 and 1993. The burning question they seem unwilling to address is: where is the

money going to come from? Lloyd's "asset base" com-prises 28,000-odd individuals who, far from parting with real cash, put up a notional degree limited liability" wealth of £250,000 based on bank guarantees or life policies, the former normally secured on those Lloyd's members

All this nominal "wealth" is backed by a Lloyd's central reserve fund of a paltry £400 million (soon to be increased to £1 billion), roughly equiva-lent to a mere fifth of the market capitalization of

Commercial Union! To add insult to injury, in the face of the claims armageddon of the coming few years, Lloyd's underwriting syndicates still merrily reinsure one another in a macabre, financial Russian roulette game of pass the parcel, presumably hoping that the "rob Peter to pay Paul who robs Peter again" theory will still somehow hold good.

Lloyd's faces not only the original losses from the 1989-90 disaster years, including the settlement of its own syndicate reinsurances, but also from reinsuring US and European companies' losses from these years.

It is not time that Lloyd's came clean over the whole issue before the credibility of the world's entire insurance industry suffers any further? Yours faithfully DR GEOFFRÉY FRANCIS 1517 NE 57pl Fort Lauderdale

Bitter sales pitch

Florida 33308

Sir, If Tempus (December 6, commenting on Bass results) really believes that "there are few signs out on the streets as Christmas draws close that people are drinking less" he has obviously not ventured as far as the streets of Berkshire. Offers such as three pints for the price of two, 20p off all bitter and lager on Wednesday nights and "happy hours" from 5.30 pm until 10 pm hardly support his belief. Yours faithfully,

r. e. Poole 90 London Street Reading, Berkshire.

ket, relatively high initial yields are being achieved, this situation is not always so.

Data published by the Investment Property Databank, based on property held trusts correctly aim to increase by many of the major institu- liquidity in the property

reply from the chief executive interests of the insured (not of liability

Sir, Your editorial concerning which stated that: the problems at Lloyd's a) such information did not private individual makes a (December 7) needed to ex- have to be disclosed (so much plain that names are leaving in for "utmost good faith") the side-stepping by the such large numbers because of b) it is up to the council to underwriters would put Fred the lack of concern of their decide if such a complaint is interests shown by Lloyd's investigated Council. A new member join- c) the complainant does not ing Lloyd's is interviewed by a have to be informed of the

From Mr John Maxwell

From Mr Henry Colthurst

a premium equivalent to esti-

in the queue

From Mr Thomas Dumont

Sir, Mr Page's view (Business

letters, December 11) that the

government should go to the

end of the queue was to a great

extent shared by Sir Kenneth

They thought that the

Crown's claim to general preference was wholly unjustifi-

able and, in the specific cases of VAT, NI and PAYE, should

be substantially reduced from

12 months' back tax to three

months' (paras 1409-1427).

There has been no such

In time for the 10th anniversary of the Cork re-port, April 30, 1991, renewed

pressure should be brought to

bear on the government to go

to the end of the queue, or at

committee's recommenda-

Letters to The Times Business

and Finance section can be

sent by fax on 071-782 5112.

From Mr Simon Shepherd

Sir, Michael Boggis (Letters,

December 11) writes that

property unit trusts will plug

the very large gap between low initial yields of equities and

the high yields of cash deposit

accounts or gilt funds. Whilst

appreciating that in the cur-

rent property investment mar-

reduction.

tions.

Yours faithfully

11 New Square

THOMAS DUMONT

Lincoln's Inn, WC2

Cork and his committee.

mated losses. Such practice

committee and is assured that findings and all business is done on the d) if there is justification for negligent management, bendbasis of "utmost good faith". the complaint the council does ing the rules or outright It is that broken promise that not have to enforce restitution finally disillusions him. He is to the name. an innocent lamb waiting to

A letter to the chairman of the council asking to delay a be fleeced. A complaint to the council about concealment of cash call in case of alleged vital information in a re- fraud brought the reply that insurance contract brought a they have to protect the Prince Albert Road, NW8

smacks of the unprofes-Ensuring a way out sionalism to which your arti- income from invisible excle alludes and which the new regulations are attempting to substantial amounts of tax eliminate not before time. The even in the times of excess and Sir, I refer to your article Digging Deep for Lime Street new company will at least greed when the tax rate was a (December 7); you imply that the proposed run-off reinsurprovide an opportunity to ance company will not pro-vide any particular saving to walk away from Lloyd's which at present is denied to any name with an open year. I names and that the "good old suspect a large number of make to the taxpayer if the names will jump at the relief is provided *en bloc* or chance. That risk itself will over a period of time? taxpayer" will in any case pick up part of the tab for the excesses, greed and lack of provide the society with extra judgement of some Lloyd's incentive to improve itself yet further if it wishes to survive a I fail to see how anybody potential flood of resignations. can expect a new reinsurer to accept liability for the "old The idea should be applauded for both those reasons. years" at anything other than

Lloyd's has made and will continue to make a substantial

Postal block Government place

From Mr David Guyett Sir, Can I plead with other companies such as mine, who are pushing for export business as the very lifeblood that this country needs, to join me and write to anyone who will listen, about the appalling service we are now getting from Parcel Force.

With a great deal of publicity, Parcel Force was launched upon we unsuspectine industrialists, as a splitting off from Post Office Letters, and suddenly we, who had relied upon the "Air Parcel Post" services, have found products, such as samples, often needed urgently by prospective customers, not being sent at the speed previously obtained by air, but taking ten or more weeks, which should be an expected

the very least adopt the Cork maximum by Surface Mail. It seems impossible to find anyone to whom one can complain, as Parcel Force blame delays straight away on to Post Office Letter Services, who are acting for them by

sub-contract Our experience of this new organisation called Parcel Force is that they are so

tional investors, for the period

1980 to 1989, show that

annual income from these

properties averaged a yield of

6 per cent per annum. These

annual returns compared with

income returns from equities

and gilts of 4.7 per cent and

10.9 per cent respectively over

the same period. I would hardly call the income return

from property as plugging the gap; more a case of offering a

slightly higher yield for an

trusts correctly aim to increase

Authorised property unit

intermediate capital growth.

allowed to be so insulated from their responsibility to Yours faithfully DAVID GUYÉTT.

Managing and export director, DG Controls Limited, Cadley Hill Road,

ment

Questions the name, note) but when a From Mr S.L. Sidkin

That is why they are leaving.

contribution to this country's

ports, its names have paid substantial amounts of tax

mere 98 per cent. Tax relief is

allowed already against under-

writing losses, what substan-

tial difference therefore will it

I suppose the taxpayer has

forgotten who subsidized all

apathetic and so unwilling to

accept responsibility, that we

now must recognise the ser-

vice as being as useless as it

can possibly be, to anyone

such as our company, who are

aggressively chasing after

Can any reader enlighten

me as to the person we can make our complaints to, who

may be remotely interested in

Better still, is there any

private company who would

be keen to provide a better

inadequate operation, who are

investment market; to allow

individual investors to have

the option of direct invest-

They should not, ahead of

their launch, be regarded as an

opportunity to realise high

yields as well as capital growth

normally expected from a

long-term property invest-

Yours faithfully,

56 Poland Street,

SIMON SHEPHERD.

Whiteburn Holdings Ltd,

the sudden decay in service?

that third world debt.

1 Wandle Road, SW17.

Yours sincerely.

HENRY N. A.

COLTHURST

equally lethargic.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN MAXWELL,

47 Viceroy Court,

Sir, Following the coming into effect of Section 137, Comvalid claim on a valid policy. panies Act 1989, the availability of liability insurance is being heavily promoted in response to the increasing Astaire to shame, Names at Lloyd's do not object to paying for losses, that burden on directors. is the risk they accept. But

However, many companies should hold back from effecting directors' and offi-cers' liability insurance until when it comes to gross and cheating, they are entitled to the support of the council. they have checked their memorandum and articles of association. There are two reasons for this.

First, whilst the Companies Act 1989 now permits directors' and officers' liability insurance, it is advisable to include suitable provisions in the memorandum and articles of association of the company to enable such insurance to be

Second, under many articles of association, directors are prevented from voting on matters in which they have an interest. Accordingly if it was proposed to approve one insurance policy protecting all of the directors, none of the directors would be able to

Yours faithfully, S. L. SIDKIN, Fox Williams, City Gate House.

39-45 Finsbury Square, EC2.

Power failure

From Mr J. S. Stephens Sir, Is it not necessary investors in any limited liability company to be provided with the names of the directors of the company? The mini-prospectus sent to 7 By all accounts, deliveries in the UK have become million potential investors in the electricity distribution companies did not provide this information. Yours faithfully,

. S. STEPHENS, Shelleys, High Drive, Oxshott, Surrey.

Weighty matter

From Mr Vincent Saunders service, and who would take Sir, I was thrilled to read in some responsibility for their one of your columns that a certain Mr Levitt smoked only An alternative would be if the finest Cuban Davidoff any Government department cigars, especially the Dom would like to investigate why Perignon size, which retail at we are struggling with such an

£335 per box of 25. I am sure it will reassure the many investors, both private and public, in his Levitt insurance group, if you will now reveal enough of his very private life to demonstrate that he has traded down to Players Weights. Yours faithfully, VINCENT SAUNDERS,

3a Carthew Villas, W6

High initial yields not assured with property unit trusts Shares in unbuilt

golf club for sale SHARES in a £6.5 million golf club scheme on the borders of Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire are being offered for sale today through Grant Thornton, the accountancy

It is offering 555 shares in the Croughton Elm Golf Club for £12,000 each plus £144 VAT. Three instalments of £4,048 are payable, with the first due immediately and the others in summer 1991 and spring 1992. The shares are being sold prior to construc-

The 18 charges of theft Nadir faced in court

ASIL Nadir faced the following charges at Bow Street magistrates' court:

a Polly Peck Interpation on payment of £1.1 million on national cash book by making an entry therein which was, or Peck International. This was On or about June 10, 1988.

belonging to Polly Peck Inter-national contrary to section I(1) of the Theft Act 1968.

On or about June 10, 1988, stole the sum of £8 million belonging to Unipac Packaging Industries contrary to section I(1) of the Theft Act 1968. ☐ On or about September 8, 1988, stole the sum of £2 million

national contrary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968.

Between September 8, 1988, and December 31, 1988, dishonestly and with a view to gain for yourself or another, or with intent to cause loss to another

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may have been, misleading, false or deceptive in a material particular in that it concealed On or about January 8, 1990, the destination of a payment of stole the sum of £750,000 the destination of a payment of £2 million on September 8, 1988, by Polly Peck International contrary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968. On or about June 7, 1989,

stole the sum of £4 million belonging to Polly Peck Inter-national contrary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968. I On or about June 8, 1989, stole the sum of £4 million to Polly Peck International con-

trary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968. On or about June 9, 1989, stole the sum of £8 million belonging to Unipac Packaging Industries contrary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968.

On or about August 16, 1989, stole the sum of £3 million belonging to Unipac Packaging Industries contrary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968. On or about December 19. 1989, stole the sum of £1 million belonging to Polly Peck Inter-national contrary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968. On or about December 21, 1989, stole the sum of £500,000

belonging to Polly Peck Inter-national contrary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968. 1989, stole the sum of £1.1 million belonging to Unipac Packaging Industries contrary to section I(1) of the Theft Act 1968.

1989, and January 31, 1990, dishonestly and with a view to gain for yourself, or with intent book, by making an entry therein which was or may have been misleading, false or decep-tive in a material particular in tive in a material particular in Polly Peck contrary to section that it concealed the source of a 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968.

contrary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968.

stole the sum of £700,000 belonging to Unipac Packaging Industries contrary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968. D Between January 8, 1990, honestly and with a view to gain for yourself or another, or with intent to cause loss to another, for an accounting purpose, namely a Polly Peck International cash book, by making an entry therein which was or or deceptive in a material particular in that it concealed the source of a payment of £700,000 on January 8, 1990, to Polly Peck International. This was contrary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968. ☐ On or about July 18, 1990,

stole the sum of £2 million belonging to Polly Peck Inter national contrary to section 1(1) of the Theft Act 1968. ☐ On or about July 20, 1990 belonging to Unipac Packaging Industries contrary to section

I(1) of the Theft Act 1968. ☐ Between July 20, 1990, and September 20, 1990, dishonestly yourself or another. or with intent to cause loss to another falsified a document required dishonestly and with a view to gain for yourself, or with intent to cause loss to another, falsified a document required for an accounting purpose, namely a Polly Pock International cash book, by making an entry therein which was or accounting purpose, namely a may have been misleading, false Polly Peck International cash or deceptive in a material particular in that it concealed the source of a payment of £950,000 on July 20, 1990, to

WORLD MARKET INDICES

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(free)	103.8	-1.2	-35.3	-1.4	-29.9	-1.6	-22
Europe	611.8	-1.2	-19.6	-1.4	-17.2	-1.6	-3.
(free)	132.5	-1.2	-19.0	-1.6	-16.8	-1.6	-3.
Nth America	415.4	-0.1	-22.8	-0.5	-7.6	-0.5	_7.
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(free)	185.0	-1.0	-21.4	-1.0	-16.4	-1.4	-14. -5.
Pacific	2224.5	-1.1	-43.9	-1.3	-37.4	-1.5	-32.
Far East	3227.0	-1.1	-44.2	-1.3	-38.1	-1.5	-33.
Australia	230.8	-0.6	-33.5	-1.2	-18.0	+1.1	-33. -20.
Austria	1381.8	-1.9	-7.0	-22	-2.0	-23	11.
Belgium	717.3	-0.8	-27.1	-1.3	-24.6	-1.2	
Canada	423.0	0.4	-29.6	-0.4	-15.8	0.0	-12.
Denmark	1124.9	-0.3	-14.5	-0.2	-10.8	-0.8	-15.
Finland	65.1	-0.2	-43.5	-0.1	-39.8	-0.6	2
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Japan	3386.8	-1.1	-45.1	-1.2	-39.2	-1.5	-17.7
Netherlands	737.5	-0.1	-22.0	-0.4	-18.0		-34.3
New Zealand	51.4	-1.6	~50.1	-1.0	~40.0	-0.5	-6,7
Norway	1152.7	-0.2	-14.1	-0.5	-9.1	-2.0	-40.
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Sing/Malay	1472.1	-1.3	-26.2	-1.6	-20.3	-0.6	3.4
Spain	173.8	-1.6	-26.6	-1.3	-23.6	-1.7	~11.7
Sweden	1165.1	-1.8	-33.6	-1.9	-28.1	-2.0	-122
(free)	169.7	-22	-29.9	-2.3	-24.1	-2.2	-20.5
Switzerland	715.7	-1.3	-21.7	-1.7	-29.1 -22.5	-2.6	-16.1
(free)	108.6	-1.2	-22.2	-1.6		-1.7	-6.4
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Competing for the consumer's mind

nalysts and interviewers were noticeably working overtime last month as market opinion researchers led the press with the public's views on the Conservative party leadership. The term market research, as it implies, originates in commerce and industry but it is more generally used as an um-brella term covering both market and social research.

Market research is a young profession, but it has grown enormously as both companies eager to stay ahead of the compennion and public sector organisations have increasingly needed to know what we, the consumers, are thinking.

NOP, one of the largest employ-ers, will not be recruiting this year, but that is due more to internal reorganisation than economic pressures. In a recession, the advertising and marketing industry, of which market research forms a part, does suffer, but not greatly because clients have learnt that too many cuts are counterproductive.

It is never a large employment area. Although the intake of graduates is increasing - 75 per cent of the Market Research Society's members have degrees there is room for only about 200 trainees annually.

Selection processes are therefore sophisticated. With a wide field from which to choose, employers want to get it right.

If you are applying for a graduate trainee position, expect to be one of 30 candidates chasing every vacancy. Many will not survive the "paper sift", based on the application form, five will probably make it to first interview and two or three to final selection,

Market research is now being used for all kinds of planning.

Beryl Dixon looks at the opportunities

which is likely to include aptitude tests, group activities and in-depth

Once in, what can a trainee expect? Jackie Tripp says the work will not be interviewing people in the street or working exclusively on soap powder surveys. Marun Buckley, of Research Inter-national, says trainees will not spend all day on desk research or number-crunching. These are apparently common misconceptions. Number-crunching was once a primary function of the market researcher, and in some branches it still is.

Many organisations now expect their research executives to make verbal presentations to clients early in their careers, in addition to taking responsibility for all project liaison work. Numeracy is important, but equally so are communication skills and the ability to work with others. The ideal recruit, Mr Buckley says, would have "an analytical mind, communication and listening skills, numeracy and the ability to write concisely".

Graduates may be employed in consumer market research, the best known area, which is concerned with why and when people buy things. The food industry is this sector's largest employer, industrial research,

businesses, and social research, a wider field than is often realised, covering surveys carried out by local authorities on planning and housing needs or central government on attitudes to motorway planning or bealth care.

The two main sources of employment are in independent agencies, which account for almost half of the Market Research Society's members, and in-house research departments of companies, which account for a further 35 per cent. Other opportunities are in academic institutions and in self-employment. Degree discipline is largely immaterial, with the proviso that numeracy is expected and generally tested for, although some employers express a preference for social sciences or business studies. Only the largest of the 400 or more agencies run graduate training schemes.

hatever and wherever the research topic, it will be carried out V along these lines. The client needs information and a market research department is instructed or an agency is briefed. Where agencies are concerned, several might be approached to tender.

The research team works through the brief, discusses methodology: desk research based on published and available statistics, or field surveys based on postal questionnaires or telephone or face-to-face interviewing. The team then returns to the client with a proposal, detailing the cost and time scale.

More information: Market Re-search Society, 15 Northburgh Street, London ECIV OAH (071-490 4911).



In at the deep end: Jackie Tripp contributed immediately, working on projects and writing reports

PROFILE

A RANGE of tailor-made projects for clients in industrial, consumer and social research is undertaken by Research International UK, Jackie Tripp, a management sciences graduate, works in the specialist units division. That means on non-FMCG work - non-fast-moving consumer goods in jargon." Ms Tripp says. "We work on business-to-business needs. It may be for an office equipment manufacturer or for a bank, or like the one I have just completed on farmers' sausfaction with the machinery they have bought."
Ms Tripp graduated in 1988, joined Research International UK as a trainee research executive and was assigned to a research group She liked the fact that she was given responsibility quickly.

"I was expected to contribute immediately, by working on all aspects of projects and writing my own reports," she says. "I also attended in-house seminars with the other trainees on such topics as sampling, statistics, different types of research, and some Market Research Society courses during my year's training period, but in the main I learnt by doing, and enjoyed presenting my findings direct to clients. rather than handing them to

Ms Tripp is now a research executive and enjoys working at a hectic pace. "if you cannot keep several

balls in the air at once, do not come into this job," she says. "I usually have up to eight projects on the go simultaneously and must be prepared to change plans in order to deal with the nighest priority of the diary. It is covered in Tippex."

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Application form and details available from/returnable Application form and defails available from returnable to Office Management Section, Chief Executive Clerk's Lancashire Department, PO Box 78, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ, quoting above Reference No. Closing date: 18th January 1991.

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Don't just stand and deliver

is common sense. The problem is putting the principle into practice. Take, for example, the growth of private wheel clamping. Is it lawful or not?

One starts with the proposition that immense inconvenience is caused by the selfish parking of vehicles on private property. In theory, the land owners could sue for damages, but that is obviously an impractical remedy. It is no use calling the police because trespassers cannot be prosecuted they can only be sued. However, the modern option is to clamp the vehicle and then demand a fee for its release.

The problem with clamping is that it violates the principle learnt in childhood that "two wrongs do not make a right". If a ruffian entered our garden we could use reasonable force to evict him, in the same way that it may be permissable to tow away a vehicle parked on private property without permisson, but we could not clamp the hooligan's legs together to prevent his escape. His act of trespass does not allow us to trespass upon his person or

On the face of it, to put a clamp on somebody else's car without his or her nermission is to trespass upon their goods, but common sense seems to suggest this cannot

What about the police? They



If you find your car clamped on private property you may be able to sue, despite

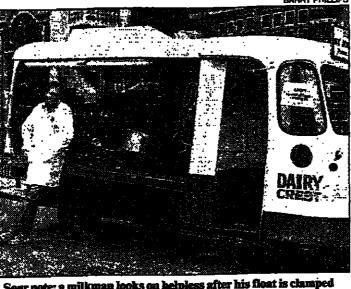
trespass, says Martyn Zeidman.

Keep your cool and follow his advice

different: Parliament has given them permission. Section 104 of the Road Traffic Regulation 1984 provides that the police are en-titled to fix an immobilisation device to a vehicle where it is

found to be illegally parked. The section specifies detailed regulations as to the fixing of a notice on the vehicle and the charge for removal of the device if fixed by statutory instrument. The device used must be one approved by the secretary of state.

But there are no statutory provisions entitling private companies to clamp vehicles. It follows, therefore, that if there is a clamp cars all the time. They are justification for the private



Sour note: a milkman looks on helpless after his float is clamped

the common law.

There are two possible justifica-tions. First, clamping a car would be an act of trespass only if it were done without the consent of the car owner. Consent can be given either expressly or by implication
— it can be done without saying a single word. For example, the postman walks up our drive (our property) for the purpose of delivering letters that we may not even want, such as bills. The right to walk over our land is taken for granted - sane individuals permit postmen to deliver letters.

In the same way, if a prominent and explicit notice warns that cars

clamper, then it must be found in will be clamped, then it is at least arguable that a person who parks in defiance of this notice is either agreeing to be clamped or, alternatively, that he is prevented from denying that he gave such

> Matters would be different if the car owner had a fluorescent notice attached to each wheel hub declaring: "Hands off! You have no permission to clamp this car. If you do, I will sue." If there were such an express provision, then it is difficult to see how a private clamper could lawfully carry on

> A second possibility occurs in those cases where a fee is charged

for parking and where clamping is carried out only where a person outstays his welcome. When we pay money to park, we are entering into a contract and if there is a conspicuous notice, it is easy to argue that consent to clamping has been made a part of the bargain, enabling clamping to be carried out lawfully.

There is a fundamental difference between clamping and towing. First, removal does not deprive the owner of his right to possession of that vehicle, whereas clamping obviously does. Secondly, the act of removal ends the trespass, whereas the act of clamping a vehicle continues it.

o park on somebody's land without permission (or after the permission has come to an end) may constitute a nuisance. In common law a nuisance can be ended by removing the offending object.
What of the man who is so indignant at being clamped that he refuses to pay the money and instead smashes the clamp? However annoyed, he should not do so.

His action may amount to a

criminal offence under the Crim-

mal Damage Act 1971.

One motoring organisation advises its members to pay to have the clamps removed, but then to sue for the recovery of the sum. If a motorist wishes to take this course, he could conduct his own case in the small claims court. ■ The author is a harrister



Snap back: a "hands off or I'll sae" notice may deter private clamper

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Law Report December 18 1990

House of Lords

Power to order forfeiture of motor car

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Roch

[Judgment December 12]

Courts had power to order the forfeiture of a motor car when sentencing for the offence of driving while disqualified, as long as the matters contained in section 43(1A) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973, as serted by section 69(1) of the property . . Criminal Justice Act 1988, were The Queen's Bench Di-

visional Court so held in a reserved judgment allowing an application by Claudio Di Matteo for an order of certiorari quashing a forfeiture order imposed by Mr G. Parkinson, Metropolitan Stipendiary Mag-istrate at Highbury Corner, on

Section 43 of the 1973 Act, as substituted by section 69(1) of the 1988 Act, provides: "(1)... He drove his car on a road on where a person is convicted of May 10, 1989 while disqualified

under his control at the time when he was apprehended for the offence . . . – (i) has been used for the purpose of committing, or facilitating the com-mission of, any offence; or (ii) was intended by him to be used for that purpose ... the court may make an order under this

Mr Patrick O'Connor for the applicant; Mr Christopher Mitchell for the prosecution; the magistrate did not appear and was not represented

section in respect of that

delivering the judgment of the court, said that the defendant had been before the court for sentence for two offences of driving while disqualified and two further related charges of driving without insurance.

Regina v Highbury Corner an offence and — (a) the court by Magistrates Court, Ex parte or before which he is convicted is satisfied that any property... which was in his possession or a road while disqualified and uninsured.

He was sentenced for the offences of driving while dis-qualified to consecutive terms of two and four months imprisonment, suspended for two years, his licence was en-dorsed, he was disqualified from driving for three months for each offence and his car was ordered to be forfeited. The order of certiorari to

quash the forfeiture order was sought on two grounds:

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First, that there was no juris-diction to make the order because the essence of a driving offence was the actual use of a LORD JUSTICE WATKINS. feiture provision was in respect property whose use was subsidiary to the commission of an offence and not the offence itself and that it could not have been Parliament's intention that such a general forfeiture pro-vision should be used by the

hicles in such circumstances. Second, the magistrate did not consider the relevant matters set out in section 43(1A).

namely the value of the property and the likely financial and other effects on the offender. The court accepted that section 43, as amended, unlike other statutory provisions dealing with the confiscation of articles which in themselves constituted a danger to the

public in general, could serve a dual purpose, namely the re-moval from public circulation of an article which had been used for the purpose of commit-ting or for facilitating the com-mission of an offence and as part of the punishment inflicted upon the offender.

The applicant was convicted of an offence, namely of driving while disqualified. He had in his possession at the time he was apprehended the Ford Granada motor car. The remaining ques-tion for the magistrate was

by the applicant for the purpose of committing any offence.

The magistrate's conclusion that the car had been used for the purpose of committing the offence of driving while dis-qualified, in the court's opinion, placed no strain on its language but was an application of sec-tion 43(1) using the ordinary and normal meaning of the words therein contained.

The use of the car was an integral part of the offence. The defendant could not have committed the offence without the car and he must have intended to drive while disqualified when the journey in his car

However, the magistrate had failed to take into account material matters which he should have taken into account under section 43(1A) before making the forfeiture order and therefore the order was quashed. Solicitors: Hodge Jones &

Compensation for land purchased compulsorily

caster Metropolitan Borongh Conncil

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman, Lord Grif-fiths, Lord Ackner and Lord (Speeches December 13)

Compensation for the market value of land acquired on a compulsory acquisition and compensation for disturbance assessed but, for the purposes of rule 4 in section 5 of the Land Compensation Act 1961, the courts had consistently adhered to the principle, both before and after the present rules were introduced, that the two elements were inseparable parts of a single whole in that together they made up the value of the

land to the owner. It was impossible to treat an established use under the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 as being contrary to law within the meaning of rule 4.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council from a majority decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Mann, Lord Justice Dillon dissenting) (The Times November 27, 1989; [1990] 1 WLR 845) holding that under rule 4 in section 5 of the 1961 Act compensation for disturbance was not part of the value of the

Their Lordships also allowed a cross-appeal by the claimants, Mr Charles Arthur Hughes and Mrs Nora Louisa Hughes, from that part of the decision of the Court of Appeal whereby the court held that uses which were mune from enforcement by the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 were contrary to law within rule 4.

Mr Lionel Read, QC and Mr

LORD BRIDGE said that the claimants' land at Black Bank, Doncaster Carr, Doncaster was acquired by the council pursu-ant to a compulsory purchase order made in 1973. Notice to treat was served in January 1976 and the council took possession

November 1, 1981.

The total area of the site was 3.872 acres. The whole site was used by the claimants for the purpose of their business as merchants dealing in scrap metal and rags. Part of the site (the blue land) had been used for the same purpose since 1959. The claimants purchased it in

The claimants purchased the remainder of the site (the green land) in 1972 and use of the green land for the purpose of the business began then. No permission had ever been granted under the Town and Country Planning Acts for the deri Planning Acts for the development involved in the ma-

elopment involved in the ma-terial change of use.

Thus, when the site was acquired, the position under the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 was that the use of the blue land being a use begin blue land, being a use begun before the end of 1963, was an established use as defined by section 94 and was immune from enforcement proceedings under Part V, but the use of the green land remained liable to enforcement proceedings requiring its discontinuance.

The first question was whether rule 4 in section 5 of the 1961 Act applied, as the council contended, to the assessment of compensation generally, includ-ing any element referable to The rule provided, inter alia: "Where the value of the land is increased by reason of the use thereof or of any premises thereon in a manner which could be restrained by any court. amount of that increase shall

not be taken into account." The second question was whether a use of land begun between July 1, 1948 and December 31, 1963, without the grant of planning permission was, as the council contended but the claimants disputed, a use which was contrary to law within rule 4 notwithstanding that it was an established use which was immune from enforcement of proceedings.

It was well settled law that whatever compensation was payable to an owner on compulsory acquisition of his land, compensation for disturbance was not a distinct and independent head of compensation.

That was because, under section 63 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, the substance of which was now re-enacted by section 7 of the consolidating Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, the value of the land to be purchased by the acquiring authority was the only head of compensation under which compensation for distur-bance was capable of being The other heads of compensa-

tion for which the section provided, severance and injurious affection, related only to the depreciatory effect of the acquisition on other land retained

Judicial interpretation of the 1845 Act held that the value of the land meant its value to the owner, not its value to the acquiring authority: Stebbing v Metropolitan Board of Works ((1870) LR 6 QB 37).

That value was to be assessed Simon Pickles for the council; as including all the loss which the owner suffered in conRobin Campbell and Mr Neil Calver for the claimants.

Institution was to be assessed to the assessed which the loss which the owner suffered in consequence of being dispossessed:

Rickets v Metropolitan Railway Co ((1865) 34 LJ QB 257) and also see Commissioners of In-land Revenue v Glasgow and South-Western Railway Co ((1887) 12 App Cas 315).

In Horn v Sunderland Corporation ([1941] 2 KB 26, 35) Sir Wilfred Greene, Master of the Rolls, stated: "The truth of the matter is that... in cases where the Act of 1919 applies. the sum to be ascertained is in essence one sum, namely, the proper price or compensation payable in all the circumstances of the case,"

That had been accepted ever since as settling an important principle in relation to the operation of the compensation rules.

Thus, although compensation in respect of the market value of land acquired and compensation for disturbance must in practice be separately assessed, the courts had consistently adhered to the principle, both before and after the present rules were first introduced by the Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act ment of Compensation) Act 1919, that the two elements were inseparable parts of a single whole in that together they made up the value of the land to the owner, which was the only compensation which the 1845 code awarded to him.

Turning to the cross-appeal: ever since July 1, 1948, when the Town and Country Planning Act 1947 came into force, planning permission had been required for the carrying out of cast development of land and required for the carrying out of any development of land and the definition of development had included the making of any

land.

Hence, a use of land begun without planning permission. although it could only be stopped under the Act by the somewhat cumbrous machinery for the enforcement of planning control initiated by the service of an enforcement notice, was general v Smith ([1958] 2 QB 173).

But the 1947 Act imposed a time limit for the service of an from the date when the devrelated was carried out. That applied to any form of devmaterial change of use.

Under the 1947 Act regime it was customary to use the phrase "existing use right" to describe the right enjoyed by an occupier of land in relation either to a use of land begun before July 1, 1948, or to a use begun after that date without planning per-mission which had continued for more than four years without tice. So long as a use in either category continued, the nature of the right which the user enjoyed was for all practical purposes the same.

Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 any use of land begun without planning permission since the end of 1963 was now amenable to enforce ment proceedings without limit the time limit for the service of enforcement notice relating to building development carried out without planning permission.

The important status of a use of land begun at any time before the end of 1963 and continued ever since that date was recognised by the procedure under sections 94 and 95 and Schedule 14 which enabled any person interested in the land, on proof of the relevant facts relating to that use, to obtain either from the local planning authority, or from the secretary of state on appeal, what the Act called an "established use certificate" which operated as a conclusive bar to protect the use, so long as it continued, against the operation of an enforcement notice.

If the local planning authority sought to secure either the removal of a building or the discontinuance of a use of land at a time when the building or use were no longer amenable to enforcement proceedings it might only do so by order under section 51, subject to all safeguards that section provided and subject also to the obligation to pay compensation: sec-tions 170 and 178.

In the light of those statutory provisions it was impossible to treat an established use under the Act as being contrary to law within rule 4. The right to such a use was aptly described by Lord Wilberforce in Hartnell v Minister of Housing and Local Government ([1965] AC 1134. 1169), as "analogous to a right established by prescription".

The effect of allowing the cross-appeal was simply to re-store the Lands Tribunal's valuation of the blue land at £17,500. The effect of allowing the appeal would be that compensation for disturbance would have to be re-assessed.

Lord Templeman, Lord Grif-fiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry agreed.

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and Tenant Act 1954. The Court of Appeal (Lord

judgment on November 28 when dismissing the appeal of the tenant, David King, against the decision of Judge Israel Finestein QC, at West London County Court Court County Court County Court on January 16
1990, that his liability to the
landlords, Blatherwick (Services) Ltd, to pay arrears of a service charge under the terms of his original tenancy was not extinguished by section 10(1)

tenancy by effluxion of time.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that as a matter of contract the landlord was entitled to recover the tenant's contribution to service under a covenant of the underlease.

tenant having retained pos-session of the flat under section 6 of the Act, was to extinguish his liability to contribute a service charge, unless it was (as it was) a liability which fell within one of the three exceptions covered by the provise in tions covered by the proviso in section 10(1).

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Taking stock to face the future INNS AND OUR

Commercial practices are being forced to reorganise themselves. **Edward Fennell looks** at the consultants' role

SDAY DECENIBER IS IN

the recession could become a blessing in disguise for many commercially based law firms. The substantial growth experienced by most of them during the past three years may have boosted partners' pay packets, but it has given endless headaches to those with management responsibilities.

The difficulties of staffing, marketing and training, in addition to the complicated issues of merging, networking and venturing overseas, have left many managing partners aching for a breathing space to take stock and reorganise their firms to cope with future needs.

Fortunately, a number of reputable management consultancies are in the market to advise firms how to take best advantage of this time of consolidation. I hope we no longer regard lawyers as being innocent to the point of naivety about the role of consultants. "Quick-fix" exercises in which superficial answers are delivered off the shelf by the consultant now tend to be shunned in favour of deeper, more collaborative undertakings. The deeper the lawyers' understanding of their problems the more they want to participate in solving them. Denton Hall is one of the top ten City legal firms that have benefited



Working it out together: Alan Hodgart (left), the Spicers consultant, advises Geoffrey Searle (centre), Denton Hall's managing partner, and John Griffith-Jones, the firm's business develop

recently from a systematic analysis of their structure and markets. The turbulent period in which Denton Hall absorbed Oppenheimers and opened overseas offices created fundamental questions about the firm's direction. Having turned for help to what was then the market leader, Spicers Consulting Group, the partnership underwent an assessment lasting more than 18 months, during which workshops looked at every aspect of the firm's

Alan Hodgart, who led the consultancy team, describes consulting with lawyers as being akin to "herding cats". By their nature lawyers are independent-minded and resistant to direction. The important thing is to identify issues and develop management systems so that the partners devise and direct the culture change that seri-

ous consultancy involves. Now, two years later, Denton Hall has a radical new management structure in place, firmly based on the principle of consultation between partners. Democracy is essential to the partnership's operations, but in a streamlined and effective

With the dissolution of Spicers' excellent team during the past year, the pole position for legal management consultancy is now claimed by Peat Marwick McLintock, whose solicitors' consulting unit is a mix of lawyers and other specialists.

Emyr Williams, the partner who

leads the unit, insists that you have to be able to show that you have intellectual skills equal to those of the lawyers before you will be taken

"They will confront you intellec-tually and you have to be able to stand up to them and argue your case," Mr Williams says. "Above all, however, we have to remember that our job is fearlessly to uphold the interests of the client', even if that sometimes involves us in

necessarily want to hear. We have to act like Socrates, asking relevant questions and shaping the responses to produce answers that meet the partnership's collective needs."

Peat Marwick McLintock can advise on information technology as well as the other mainstream management issues and expects that this will lead to big business when international firms decide to make good their claims about the benefits of networks and transnational partnerships.

Neal Cameron, the information technology member of the firm's consulting unit, says: "Real advan-tages of international networks will be realised only when compatible information technology systems are in place."

For the time being, however, many firms will content themselves just trying to build the right kind of infrastructure to sustain their enlarged partnership.

Jaques & Lewis, for example. grew by 40 per cent in two years and brought in Price Waterhouse to help to plan its future.

"We chose Price Waterhouse because they offered the chance of a completely fresh look at us," John Northam, the managing partner, says. "The amount of discussion it stimulated was marvellous and enabled us to get in good shape for the Nineties with a clear sense of direction."

Proof of the pudding Mr Northam says, was the firm's entry into the local government market after it used the consultancy. Having carried out a marketing exercise. the firm converted every enquiry into a client. "We would never have ventured into it without the benefit of the consultancy first," Mr Northam says.

into the tax system."

The Maintenance Enforce-

ment Bill, now before Par-liament, will strengthen

courts' powers to improve

reliability of support pay-

ments by early orders for

deduction from earnings or

standing orders. The CSA is due to start in 1993, and the

formula, expected to double

present average annual pay-

ments of about £1,000, may be

A SOLICITOR, who found his was the 26th firm to turn

Legal aid call

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Winners

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INSURANCE companies no

doubt will be celebrating last

week's House of Lords ruling

that could save them millions

of pounds when they pay out personal injuries damages

claims. The law lords held that

interest on a damages award

should be payable only from

the date when a court assesses

compensation, even though

the assessment may be years

Paul Ashurst, a lawyer with

after the decision on liability.

Russell Jones & Walker, says

the law lords have failed to

take the chance to speed up

the litigation process by mak-

the far lower rate of 2 per cent

on general damages and 7.5

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assesses compensation. Only

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litigation and pay damages at the last possible moment will

benefit by receiving interest at

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ng it out at a lower rate." Mr

Ashurst says. He intends to pursue a change in the law with the Lord Chancellor.

"Insurers who drag out the

away a woman seeking a domestic violence injunction, has called for legal aid to be made parties can have legal compulsory. John Templeton representation and legal aid."

She says of the proposals:
"Funds could be used to was the solicitor featured in the Law Society's open letter last week to Lord Mackay of greater gain in the task of Clashfern, the Lord Chanreducing conflict in family cellor. Mr Templeton, whose law. There is no need for an firm in Greenwich, southeast agency. What is needed is a London, does substantial legal aid work, suggests that, alter-natively, firms refusing legal aid work should be "taxed" to simple formula, which solic-itors could apply, and a simple route for enforcement linked subsidise the service.

"We were unable to help this woman," he says. "We do take on matrimonial injunctions but we have to set a limit if we are going to survive."

The work involved in those cases is immensely timeconsuming and riddled with bureaucracy, he says. "Every procedural step has to be notified to one's paymasters, the Legal Aid Board, otherwise you find you won't be paid at the end of it - not that

Unlike many, his firm will continue with legal aid. "The hourly rates for legal aid have been easily outstripped by inflation and the disparity between those rates and what is charged by big City firms five miles up the road is growing." he says. Mr Templeton fears that if legal aid work is not made compulsory the service will con-

Kenya's critics

tinue to diminish.

THE International Bar Association has made a formal protest to the Kenyan government over reports of the barassment and arrest of four lawyers and attempts to ban the Nairobi Law Monthly. The journal has a reputation for ing insurers pay real rates of publishing outspoken views interest on damages. They pay on human rights and the rule of law, and the editor, Gitobu inanyara, is facing sedition charges The Kenyan attorneygeneral is also trying to have Mr Inanyara's lawyer, Pheroze Nowrojee, imprisoned on contempt of court charges after he complained about delays.

The association has urged Kenya's president, Danie! Arap Moi, to uphold the rule of law and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The president, still smarting from the association's decision to switch its biannual conference from Nairobi to New York because of civil rights abuses in Kenya, may need more than a protest letter to move him.

No stopping

THE firm of Rodger Pannone, who has arguably inherited from Sir David Napley the dubious honour of being the country's best known litigator. is to merge. The union of Pannone Blackburn and March Pearson & Skelton by March 1 next year will make the firm the largest in northwest England. Mr Pannone is clearly determined to see that his area of the map gets its share of the action as 1992 looms. "The combined firms will be able to offer an enhanced comprehensive range of services to its corporate, international and private clients in the northwest and the merger will provide a springboard for growth in the UK, Europe and beyond," he says. "I suspect we will not be stopping here."

SCRIVENOR

TINA, aged five, started school this term. Her mother, obstacle is her ex-husband. Tom, who is refusing to pay

change. Child support forms parents' net income. Fewer than a quarter of those on benefit receive maintenance.

Fired by the success of the Australian Child Support Agency, which increased the number of single parents receiving child maintenance from 25 to 85 per cent, the government has decided to introduce a British countersolution for single parents trying to extract maintenance from reluctant parents.

TINA, aged five, started school this term. Her mother, Gill, a former secretary, wants to go back to work One No hiding place for absent fathers

£16,000 a year, but we don't tenance as "a bridge between see a penny of it," Gill says.

The system demands urgent "The government will ensure that children receive mainteless than 10 per cent of lone nance wherever possible and will help single parents who work or who wish to do so." The Child Support Agency (CSA) will be a one-stop shop for 770,000 lone mothers on benefits, and others choosing

to use it. However, the CSA must settle the doubts of lawyers' groups and single parents.
The child maintenance forpart. The aim is a quick mula is a good idea," says lane Hern, the secretary of the Law Society's family law com-

will not pay." There are fears that punitive

maintenance will force fathers to go underground or give up work. More positively, the CSA will be better placed than individuals to track defaulters. Plans under way for a national computerised network of social security records and access to the departmental central index, for National Insurance contributions, the Inland Revenue and community charge records, will limit

escape routes. The British CSA is an offshoot of the social security mittee, but she points out: Revenue. The resulting image ers already identify fathers.

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Tom, who is refusing to pay

Tomy Newton, the social "The CSA will not be able to may deter claimants. "I was Others may choose not to for maintenance. "He earns security secretary, sees maindenance asked all sorts of things by the good reasons. DSS about my sex life that The CSA must also be seen were not relevant," recalls Trisha, a single mother. "If it is the same staff I would rather

DOI 20." How and when staff use financial penalties will decide whether the CSA is seen as a valuable resource or policing agency. Parents refusing to cooperate face benefit reductions of up to 20 per cent.

"We cannot support such a proposal," says Sue Slipman, the director of the National Council for One Parent Families. "Any reduction will adversely affect the children." department not the Inland Three-quarters of single moth-

to act independently. Mr Newton gave assurances about the CSA's confidentiality duty and accepts that the appeals system will colour public perceptions of its role. The appeals procedure is being looked at carefully," a department spokesperson confirms. "We welcome feedback on the proposals."

Diana Parker, of the Solicitors' Family Law Association, says appeals must be tied into the court structure. "Creating another govern-mental body would be a retrogressive step. Appeals

in use by early 1992. HELEN GARLICK

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Girardelli's struggle to halt the downhill slide

IN VAL GARDENA

FOR A sport that takes place high in the mountains, sends its aces through canyons in dark woods and nowhere gives spectators more than a glimpse of the action, downhill skiing is a very, very difficult place for the wounded to hide. Ask Marc

The Luxembourger was not one of those unexpected men of surprising nations who left here celebrating wildly when the World Cup year's final downhill weekend ended. Indeed, his was a time, over two seconds behind the winner, to forget. But one statistic, of the torrents poured out by computers linked to timing mechanisms on the side of the pistes, made Girardelli's The computer showed that

when he broke through the beam at the end of the first section of the Val Gardena track, he was third fastest. At the second intermediate point he had fallen back to nineteenth. At the third timing point he was a doleful 41st. Which is also where he finished. If this had been a race for horses, someone would have had to order a stewards' inquiry. Girardelli would present them

a sad case. Three times world champion in the 1980s, he has a record of World Cup points gathering that only Stenmark and Zurbriggen have bettered in the sport's history. But two years ago, skiing a slalom, a discipline where you are not supposed to be in danger, he suffered such injuries he lost two pints of blood internally.

He started this season with his first downhill since that crash.

The sport crowded forward to see, Girardelli, was after all, the biggest name around now that Zurbriggen has retired. He was, after all, chosen for his preeminence by skiing's sponsoring company, Sergio Tacchini, to lead a multi-million promotional campaign. He was, after all one of the game's great carners (having changed his nationality he no longer shared the "pool" of his native Austrians, instead has a bigger pool all of his own). He is still only 27.

At Val d'Isère in that first race be ended five seconds behind the winner, Stock, and so was 59th of 60 finishers. He had been shocked, he said, at the speed. Made him nervous. The circus nodded understandingly. He is, after all, one hell of skier, and a nice enough guy. Three days later, at Sestriere,

Girardelli skied brilliantly and boldly through a snow-storm to take fourth place in another sialom. The master was coming back. But not at speed. After two more downhill training runs in Val Gardena, it was clear he has no present love for skiing's blue riband event. Nor can he avoid its glare. His record means he starts still among the top 15

Downhill has never been what Girardeili does best. But three world cup downhill wins, 24 other places in the top 10 contributed mightily to his points-tally and to bankable claims that he ranks among the greatest all-rounders of modern skiing: far ahead, certainly, of specialists like the classic slatomist Stenmark, who flatly refused to even try to go fast, and was thereafter dismissed for lack Helmut Girardelli, father,

trainer and Svengali, stared unhappily into a beer the night before the Val Gardena race. "In the slalom, Marc is good. Still. For the downhill he has no 'feel'. He just goes to it as if it is his work. And if you race a downhill like it is work, then what you do is not downhill. It needs more." Watching the Val Gardena

race, and watching Girardelli's starting onslaught fade to embarrassment, a great former champion, Karl Schranz, winced: "Marc has new equipment, and that does not help. But look, there ... he is not committed, has no aggression." Striding set-faced through

crowds of newer men celebrating the sort of times he once regarded as routine, Marc Girardelli let me put the ques-

tion: "What ails? Is it physical, a lack of fitness, strength. Or confidence?" He laughed, utterly without humour. "Look, I don't know. Ask me at the end of season." Then he strode away on the way to Alta Badia, where the following morning he again skied with tremendous technique to finish third. In a giant

It is to be hoped that his results answer for him long before the season ends: that they demonstrate that only a lack of stamina make his brisk downhill starts go limp. There are not many of Marc Girardelli's class. Skiing's hard and fast men should not, like heavyweight fighters who surrender their titles from the stool in their corner, go into their game's history leaving its people talking, finally, about their nerve.



Dean Jones is likely to bring his arrogant style to county cricket next summer

Player with a talent to annoy

From Alan Lee CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN BRISBANE

DEAN Jones inspires admiration and annoyance in similar proportions. He is the champion of the Australian ocker crowds, who identify with his style and sense of theatre. Wounded opponents can neither stomach his arrogance nor forgive him for being so insufferably talented. He wins on all counts.

In a popularity poll among those he plays against, Jones would rate little higher than the mischievous Pakistani, Javed Miandad, who, not insignificantly, is a hero to him. But nobody doubts the ability of this 29-year-old who now, uniquely, averages 50 in both Test and one-day international cricket.

Here, they call him the world's greatest one-day player. It is a title he seems to resent, as if it implies an insult to his class in the five-day game he insistently prefers. Next week, in his home town of Melbourne, he has his favourite Test arena of all, and the only Englishmen who look forward to seeing him there are non-playing neutrals.

As Jones savaged England's bowling before an adoring 20,000 crowd in the steambath that was the Gabba on Sunday, there were murderous routine whenever batting in to the unconcealed satisfac- for a day before the game, tion of the Australian dress- even when I don't feel like it," ing-room. There, they are very he said. "And when I am aware of the psychological batting, I have learned the benefits of having the Jones

factor on their side. Their coach, Bob Simpson, who must take much of the personally admires, such as credit for channelling Jones's personality to its optimum and Miandad for his inven-effect, explains. "He is good tion, his running between for our boys because he is wickets and, most of all, for always lifting them. But he can his cheek. These are also the

must be hell to play against!" Suggest to Simpson that receives respect rather than opponents find Jones hugely affection from opponents. irritating and he nods enthusiastically. "That's good," he says. "We certainly don't discourage it because if he can confirm that there is no upset and distract the oppo-provocative chat in the Jones sition, just by being himself, that is to our advantage.

would have been slapped down. We've got the best out of him through allowing him frenziedly swatting at a fly on to be what he wants to be. He the dinner table will probably never used to be sure how to knock over his wine; the effect behave but we like him to be is much the same. natural, though on a leash, of course."

Hours after his explosive century, one of the finest oneday innings I have seen, Jones relaxed. Barefooted, tanned and fit, zinc cream still coating his face, he looked the archetypal Australian but for the Coke he was drinking instead of beer. Dehydration is one thing he learned too much about during his epic double-national scene was likely. It

century in Madras four years ago.

He finished up in hospital on a saline drip and, heeding on a saline drip and. Heeding advice from Sunil Gavaskar, has since maintained a strict



Dean of swagger: normally ebullient Dean Jones has a hunted look after driving England to distraction

expressions on fielders' faces, the heat. "I drink lots of water (DEAN JONES) Teams: Victoria 1982-3 to date (captain 1987-8). Australia 1983-4 to value of keeping still and

relaxed between balls." He talked of the men he Vivian Richards for his power annoy even them ... and be characteristics of Jones's game, and the cheek is why he

Ask someone who has seen performance. It is his swagger, his drama and his infernal "In an earlier era Dean smile which can patronise a perspiring bowler and drive him to strain unwisely. A man

m: Codung, March 24, 1961.

International record: Test: 35 matches; 2,654 runs (average: 51.03); nine centuries (highest: 216 Australia v West Indies, Adelaide, 1988-9). One-day: 105 matches; 4,191 runs (average: 50.49); seven centuries (highest: 145 Australia v England, Brisbane, 1990-1).

On Sunday, nobody was more tormented by Jones than Martin Bicknell. Only 21, and an innocent abroad. Bicknell wore a look of astonishment when Jones treated a legside delivery to a disdainful onehanded swing which rocketed for four. As the throw came back and the wicketkeeper missed it, Jones caught it himself and batted the ball back to Bicknell, a condescending invitation to bowl him another one. He did, and Jones drove it gloriously, straight for six. Bicknell sim-

ply shook his head. It is not exclusively for his batting that Jones excites overseas position at his own footwork also make him, as Graham Gooch admits, a nightmare to bowl to and, by extension, even to field to. Simpson tells a story of a.

conversation he had last summer with an England fast bowler. "He told me that he was intimidated by Dean and I thought he meant when he was bowling. Instead, he explained that at the end of his over he liked to go off and graze quietly down at fine leg but that when Dean was batting there was never a moment's peace because he was always taking him on,

turning one run into two." it is this aggressive form of cricket, mental pressure as Simpson calls it, that characterises the Australian side and is epitomised by the pin-up boy from Victoria. It is why Simpson believes that Jones has a lot to offer English county cricket and why he had sound begun to discuss with him the opponents.

attention. There are few faster county, Leicestershire, before or more agile outfielders in the the club engaged someone world. His speed and balletic else.

"I am keen to play in England," confirms Jones. "I think one season there would helo me enormousty in tightening up my technique again by playing on a few funny types of pitches and in

different conditions." It seems inconceivable that Jones's ambition will be thwarted. Several counties have yet to recruit an overseas player for 1991 as temporary replacement for their unavailable West Indians.

But Jones has a genuine, rather than a grudging admirer in Gooch, and if Mark Waugh cannot be persuaded to return for a third year at Essex, as seems likely. Jones will head the list of potential replacements. The windows on the Chelmsford ground might need reinforcing, though, if not to protect against his hitting, then to drown the of infuriated

Officials realistic over return to ICC

By RICHARD STREETON SOUTH African cricket officials of all races, though delighted that amalgamation has been agreed between the sport's two practical date for any official

ments to merge.

A steering committee will first world sporting stage could be

meet in January. It will draw up a constitution for the new, nonracial body, which is expected to report progress and seek acknowledgement from the annual meeting of the Inter-national Cricket Council (ICC) in late June. The ICC would probably wish to send a fact finding mission to South Africa, meaning that 1992-3, at the

would be the first

By June the whole issue of

an International Olympic Com-mittee delegation, which is visiting the republic in April, will be reporting back on whether South Africa could participate

in the 1992 Olympic Games. Much remains uncertain on the South African political front but Sam Ramsamy, the exec-utive chairman of SANROC in London, said he was optimistic.
"It would certainly be appropriate for the ICC to keep in touch with the South African situation," he said,

mean the Champion Hurdle.

and if so, then why show us

pictures of the Gold Cup at

been implacably against South Africa, would change their attiwas reached.

Lt-Col John Stephenson, the ICC secretary, described the proposed merger in South Africa as "great news". Krish Mackerdhuj, the SACB president, said, that not withstanding what had hap-pened in the past, he totally accepted the sincerity of SACU seeking a merger. Kent have granted a benefit in He believed that non-white 1992 to Neil Taylor.

A poignant reminder of past for Solent

By NICHOLAS HARLING

AS SURVIVING members of the Solent Stars squad which defeated Leicester by 19 points to capture the cup for the third successive season almost seven years ago, Paul Philip and Roy Lewis will do well to purge themselves of nostalgic memories before the teams mex again, in the Coca-Cola Cup

In 1984, Philp and Lewis were among the highest paid team in the land, which under the American coach, Jim Kelly, was according to the Solent director, Jim Rumsey, the players are "one step from having to pay to

play".

The only option open to the club after its latest and worst financial crisis last summer, following the withdrawal of sponsorship by Trevor Adams, the Bashley FC chairman, was to drop down from the Carlsberg League first division and start again in the fourth division.

With the continued help of Lewis, the scorer of 30 points on peared in more national league games than anyone and Nick Burn, another long servant, Solent have prospered in the small time. They are top of the fourth division and their 104-7! victory over the third division club, Chiltern, has set up the

"What we have had to do is persuade the players to play for nothing." Rumsey said. His son, John, a member of the England under-22 squad and the scorer of 24 points in the game with Chiltern, is among the band of local youngsters contributing to Solent's existence at a lower

As someone, who doubles up as the English Baskethall Association's vice-president of development, Rumsey snr, is also delighted at the success of the club's enforced youth policy.
"In a sense, we had a situation we had always wanted with the

local players" he said.
"We would have preferred it if the youngsters could have provided a platform for the senior players but now they are proving they are far too strong for division four and could do well in division three.'

It is all to the liking of the coach, Mick Byrne. "He is a younger person's coach," Rumsey said. "He was never really happy with coaching prima donnas. Now he is in his

Mark Scott and Mike Spaid two of the players who left Solent because they could not afford to stay are now with Worthing, who achieved the biggest victory margin of the first round ties. They overwhelmed Swindon 133-40.

SECOND ROUND DRAW: Jan 5: Worthing

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Women: First chisalon: Briston 65, Rhondde 51; Ipswich 51, Cryssal Palece 75; Manchester 55, London YMCA 74; Northermoon 66, Nottingham 56; Sheffield 88, London Jets 49, Second division: Northermoon 73,

● Zalgharis Kaunas, the Soviet champions from 1986 to 1988, have replaced the German club, Bayreuth, in the WICB event, beginning at Crystal Palace on

came to be live on television.

Job satisfaction is the big lure in a booming industry

industry most certainly is not.
Indeed, more people — 376,000
at the last count — now work in this growing area than on British car production. Tomorrow the BBC2 series, Rough Guide to Careers, takes a detailed look at the job prospects across the spectrum, from the racing stable that trains the Queen's horses to the health farm that fine-tunes

will," Sarah McLellan, aged 23, an ever-smiling assistant professional, said. She servies in the shop and teaches on the course. And while Paul Charman, aged 24, says he went into golf "with my eyes on the glory", he is a happy man teaching others how to hit a five-iron.

When it comes to doing a job for love, the lads and lasses in a the health farm that fine-tunes some of her wealthier subjects.

"We can all have our dreams ... of winning an Olympic medal, opening the batting for England, riding a Derby winner or playing football for our country." Lindsay Macrae, the presenter, says at the outset of the film, which then spells out the difficulties of making those drawing come time Ver it also dreams come true. Yet it also shows how the dreamers can actually find, if not riches and glory, certainly happiness in teaching golf, managing leisure centres, coaching aerobics at

Champneys and helping people to abseil down a mountain. The overriding message, however, is "do it for love, not for the money". As Clive Brown at the Doncaster Dome, one of says: "No way are you going to become a millionaire - but you

actually enjoy the job you are doine. As more and more participate in sport (one in every two men, one in three women), the demand for teachers, instructors, coaches, managers and administrators becomes greater. It will commute to do so, for probably ten per cent leave colleges like

With 1992 and its freer market of employment, Britain which, some say, has the finest professional sports admin-istrators in the world and many of the best-qualified instructors - is likely to experience an exodus of talent that could match the brain drain of the Sixties and Seventies to the

United States. The Doncaster Dome attracts more than a million visitors a year and requires a staff of 375 to cope with so many wishing to skate, swim, play snooker and keep fit. Brown, a sports and marketing co-ordinator, be-lieves Britain is only in its infancy in the leisure business "but is catching up". The staff at Doncaster, he said, needs to be "people-orientated" and has to accept unsocial hours. "You

have to be prepared to be here at seven in the morning and go at Il at night," he said. At East Sussex National, one of the country's newer and more expensive golf courses, where debentures cost £20,000, Rough Guide talks to two young professionals who faced a choice of becoming tournament players and possibly failing, or becom-ing club professionals. Neither regretted the decision to stay at

recession, the sport and leisure industry most certainly is not. lndeed, more people - 374 600

When it comes to doing a job for love, the lads and lasses in a racing stable probably top the list. Many are would-be jockeys who never make the grade but stay on to look after two or three horses until they retire because of their affection for animals. But racing has its own special difficulty — finding boys or girls with intelligence and yet "riny but strong enough" to ride at

eight stone.
"It is because they are so well fed these days," Ian Balding, the royal trainer at Kingsclere, surmised. Of every 100 would-be jockeys, 98 are going to fail the test. "And sometimes not one in a hundred may come through," Balding said. Some 5,000 of the industry are in the stables and there is clearly always room for just one more.

The more you enjoy the job, the more likely it is that you will not be overpaid. Martin Rickard, an Outward Bound instructor in the Peak District, teaches people how to be "to-tally responsible" for others' lives as they learn canoeing. climbing, caving and mountaineering. "Some centres pay good money, but others try to get blood out of a stone," he we love being out here and enjoy doing our job. So you do this for love, not - definitely not - for

Of those who did find fame and riches, Linford Christie believes that his ten years of hard work were worthwhile. "Being world class opens more sity degrees can go through." he

David Platt, the Aston Villa and England player who began his career as a YTS trainee at Manchester United, enjoys "the glory and the publicity and scoring goals" but advised those apprentices who would follow in his steps to study hard. "One bad tackle and you are out of the thing to fall back on."

Perhaps "saving someone's life in the pool or just making someone happy" is reward in itself, as it is to Leanne Stones at the Doncaster Dome. Whichever path you take in sport, however, the Christie-Platt highway to the stars or the one dedicated to improving amateurs at large, Nigel Hook, of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, advises: "There is no easy route . . . you will need qualifications."

Rough Guide to Careers is on BBC2 at 7pm tomorrow.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated Zenith Data Systems Cup Second round Blackburn v Everton Crystal Palace v Bristol R (7.45)..... Sheft Wed v Barnsley (7.35)..... Leyland Daf Cup

Scunthorpe v Chesterfield

GM Vauxhall Conference Cheltenham v Slough.... B and Q Scottish League

Dundee v Fortar.. Second division Queen's Park v Alios

VAUDHALL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Second round: Wembley v Windsor and Elon. Third round: Bromley v Carshalton: Dulvich v Wivennoe: Heybridge Swifth v Degement: Unbridge v Hampton. Preptier division: Enfeld v Hayes. Second division month: Kindsbury v Edwards.

HSF LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chorley v Droyleden. First divisions Worksop v Emiley. LARCHIMAGE WINDOWS CUP: Second round, second leg (first leg score in brackets): Dorchester (2) v Crawley (1); Dover (2) v Margase (2).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier di-viplon: Gravesend v Asterstone, Midlende division: Stroud v Laicester United. Southern division: Andover v Witney,

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES

OTHER SPORT

DINES: TWTA Christmas tournament ueen's Club). SPORT ON TV AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Eurosport 17 00-18.00: College match. BSS 20.00-22.00 and 00.30-02.30 (tomorrow): Nat-

MERICAN SPORT: 888 17.00-18.00. AMERICAN SPORT: 888 17.00-18.00.

BASEBALL: Eurosport 07.30-08.30: Major League action.

BILLIARDS: Eurosport 11.00-12.00: Tree-custrion work cap.

BOXING: Screensport 15.30-17.00: Professional event from the United States.

BSS 16.00-17.00: Superbours. Eurosport 20.00-21.30.

EQUESTRIANSSIR: Screensport 11.00-12.00: Show jumping from France. BBC214.00-15.00: Show jumping from Chympia.

12.00: Show jumping from France 14.00-15.00: Show jumping from O EUROSPORT NEWS: Eurosport 19.00 and 23.00-23.30.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 10.00-11.00: Argemene league, SSB 14.00-16.00: Italien league Eurosport 18.00-18.30 and 21.30-23.00: Spanish league and Peter Shilton leastmonths. GOLF: Extreport 23.30-00.30: Women's ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 12.00-14.00:

National Hockey League. ICE SKATING: Eurosport 09.00-10.00: Sente Canada State Canada.
INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT: KICK BOXING: Screensport 07.00-08.30. MOTORCYCLING BSB 18.30-19.30:

MODOCOSS.
POWERBOATING: Screensport 09.00-10.00: Orishore event from Key Wast, POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 20,00-21.00. Screensport 20,00-21,00.
RACING: Screensport (8,30-09,00: French Season, 858 13,30-14,00 and 23,30-mdright: Racing news.
RUGBY UNION: Screensport 18,00-19,30: From Toutouse.

Procker: Eurosport 12:30-14:30 and 10:30-02:30 (tomorrow): Dubai Classoc. Screensport 21:00-23:00: World highights. SPORTBOESIC BSB 13.25, 18.00, 19.30, 22.00 and michight. SURPING: Eurosport 16.30-17.00: From TENNAS: Eurosport 14.30-16.30; Europe v

WORLD OF SPORT: Screensport

Gascoigne was great but the show a shambles of advertising for Sunday's show. The adverts all Rider, what, pray, is the Cheltenham Hurdle? Do you expected when their turn course, people who think the SPORT ON

By HENRY KELLY

IF IT ain't broke, don't fix it. This sound advice to leave well enough alone should be written in large letters, framed and hung on the bathroom wall of whoever, man or woman, at the BBC decided to change the habit of a successful life-time and alter the format of Sunday evening's Sports Review of the Year from one generically inspired to one chronologically dictated.

I never thought I would live to have to say that nearly two hours of BBCproduced sport looking back on a year from Wimbledon to darts would actually drag along. It did. The thing was a shambles.

The point of a sports review when it is done sport by sport is that you get a chance to assess performances against each other. been warned by the ten days

TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

When done chronologically we nop from a golf ball disappearing into a hole to a shot of someone playing tennis on a green surface somewhere in the world. And what bad taste to force the excellent Desmond Lynam to appear to make a joke when a report on the charge against Terry Marsh was followed by a report on sporting shooting. Dear me, surely someone with taste spotted that: did they not have the clout to remove it

at scripting stage? Mind you, I should have And Sieve

seemed to try too hard to be

funny with Rory Bremnerstyle impersonations of Lynham and the great man taking the Desmond out of himself. Why couldn't they just have told us when the show was on? And the gimmick of apparently having Desmond and his sidekick rushing not to be late for the show made the whole thing look like the start of a mildly funny comic double I congratulate the two videotape editors credited at

the end of the programme,

Messrs Peter Reason and

Alan Stirling. Their packages

were brilliant. And the

music. Ye gods, at times

there was so much music I

prised to be told there was a

simultaneous broadcast with

Was it my imagination or did Lynham and Rider look at best uncomfortable and at worst ill at ease? They are so good they carried it off but they should take the editor, John Philips, out to the pub and remind him that in television as in newspapers and radio, KISS is the key word: Keep It Simple,

Stupid! At the end of the review needless to say Paul Gascoigne was named BBC Sports Personality of the Year and no doubt many people will agree with this and many others will add that he is a truly great footballer and wonderful hu-Radio Three! And Steve man being There are, of

It was a lovely touch to give survival awards and all

were richly deserved and since the actual content of a sports review is so subjective I'm not going to argue with the excerpts shown on the various sports, though, as you might imagine, I'd have preferred more cricket!

Elsewhere on television over the weekend, Jimmy White scowled his way to victory over the gently smiling Stephen Hendry and those who stayed at home to watch racing from Ascot must have jumped from their seats as Man O'Magic won the big race of the day coming from a seemingly impossible position after the last fence. Stirring stuff, On Sunday afternoon,

Everton and Leeds actually

produced football of a

slightly higher quality than I

But as I waited in expectation for the Review in the evening, I enjoyed hugely the rugby, enlivened, as usual, by Nigel and his unique abilities with the Queen's English. For sheer fun, nothing beat the moment of the weekend when a large

Australian rugby person gave another large Australian rugby person the award from the BBC Review as Overseas Player of the Year. Since neither donor nor recipient seemed to have the slightest clue what the winner had received, whence it came and why, the delight was to be found in the looks on their faces and the struggles in their brains as they searched in vain for the right words at the right time. Who said television comedy is

Talented Out Of Range to make successful transition

By MANDARIN

OUT Of Range, a talented hurdler at her best, can make a successful debut over fences in the Tanersalls Mares Only Novices' Chase Qualifier at Folkestone today.

David Elsworth's seven-year-old developed into a useful performer over the smaller obstacles two seasons ago, winning successive handicap hurdles at Newton Abbot, Sandown and Ascot.

She lost her way a little in the early part of last season but showed she was as good as ever when beating all bar Sayparee in the valuable Martell Handicap Hurdle at Aintree in April.

Although Rositary and Mulloch Brae, her main rivals today, have already shore fair today, have already shore fair loday, have already shown fair form over fences, Out Of Range was much superior to them over hurdles and is sure

to have been given a thorough. It A Lot at Leicester last time education on the Whitsbury out. schooling grounds.

trainer, seems unlikely to leave the Kent course empty- Killbanon at Huntingdon in handed as Beech Park has October, Beech Park had outstanding claims in the Farmlea Boy 18 lengths back Shaddoxhurst Conditional in sixth. Yet he meets that

Having cut little ice in was put to fences very late last

However, it was one of his However Mulloch Brae other runs which pinpoints his fares, David Nicholson, her chance at the weights today. When third to the useful Jockeys' Handicap Chase an rival on 61b better terms here.

Torwada is an interesting runner for Baroey Curley in novice burdles, Beech Park the Sellindge Selling Handicap Hurdle. A six-length winner of season, winning a Ludlow Kempton's Magnolia Stakes novice chase at the first time as a three-year-old when of asking. The Salluceva geld-trained by Paul Cole, Torwada ing quickly graduated to has not seen a racecourse since handicap company and has winning a novices' selling shown consistently good form hurdle for Curiey at Devon 44

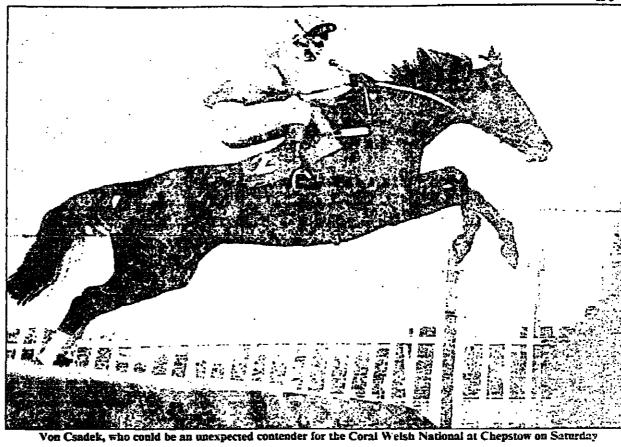
partnered him in two of his six must have an outstanding races this season, winning at chance here off 10 stone, even Wincanton in October and though he will carry 3lb more finishing second behind I Like

the talented Stratford Ponds back in fourth when third behind Egypt Mill and Babil in a competitive race at Towcester last season, looks the answer to the No Silver Novices' Hurdle.

Wellsy Lad appeals as the

best bet on a typically tricky Southwell card. Although David Chapman's three-yearold has not raced since the end of the turf season, Wellsy Lad was admirably consistent on the all-weather surfaces last winter, winning three times at Southwell and once at Ling-field. He is preferred to Rambo Express in the Coopers Deloine Claiming Stakes. Paper Shoes and Friendly Claim, both winners on the Fibresand five days ago, can

defy penalties in the Garsdale Handicap and the Wharfdale Nursery Handicap



FOLKESTONE

Selections By Mandarin

12.45 Chateauneuf,

2.15 Mister Ed. 2.45 BEECH PARK (nap). 3.15 Yeoman Farmer.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 YEOMAN FARMER (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.15 LOVE TO DANCE. Going: good to firm (chase course); good to soft (hurdles) SIS 12.45 STANFORD NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,360: 2m 100yd) (20 runners)

STANFORD NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,360: 2m 81PP EQUINOR 12 (D.F) (5 Cayden) Mrs E Heath 11-3.

61 KINO 14 (D.S) (6 Basser) S Sherwood 11-3.

221 MISTRESS LIL 21 (D.S) (J Buzton) J Bater 10-12.

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EASTERN SUNSET 36F (P Houlhan) H Collegridge 10-9.

FENOURLE 46F (Mrs P Goulandns) D Elsworth 10-9.

GENTLE SATH SOF (D (Dis) P Macret 10-9.

LE PELLEY'S ISLE 38F (D Besumont) G Bateing 10-9.

MODERN JAZZ 46F (A Denn) C C Besy 10-9.

6 RUPPLES 25 (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 10-9.

SKIEERWIND 124F (A Eagon) J White 10-9.

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THE SWINGE 113F (Mrs J Eyes) P Mitchel 10-9
HARVEST SPLENDOUR 18F (First Cottage Stacles) M Tompkins 10-4
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1.15 SELLINDGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,912: 2m 100yd) (22 runners)

BETTIME 2-1 Torwads, 5-1 Love To Dance, Young Muzzy, 7-1 Duncan Idaho, 8-1 Cartex, 10-1, Corbelly Bess, 12-1 Cut A Caper, 14-1 Ribokeyes Boy. 16-1 Sphins, 20-1 Topeoli, 25-1 others. 1989: YANBU 4-11-3 T Morgan (5-1) J Jenkins 21 ran

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Course specialists

TRAINERS

SOUTHWELL! Selections

12.00 Precious Air. 12.30 Paper Shoes.

2.00 Wellsy Lad. 1.00 Friendly Claim. By Michael Seely

1.00 Friendly Claim. 1.30 Hidden.

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_____ T Anhoy (?) \
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____ G B 12.0 COVERDALE CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,469: 7f) (12 runners) R Fex. 68
BETTING: Evens Practous Air, 4-1 Saim Caliguis, 6-1 Midas Blue, 8-1 Perspective, 12-1 Sharon's Rabbit,
14-1 Logwood Black, 16-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

12.30 GARSDALE HANDICAP (£2,343: 5f) (10 runners)

BETTING: 3-1 Paper Shoes, 9-2 Hansom Lad, 5-1 Crosby, 6-1 North Of Wedford, 8-1 The Spot, 12-1 Elegant Rose, 14-1 Mia Sombia, 16-1 others.

1.0 WHARFDALE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,280: 6f) (10 runners) Long handices: Ruby Jayne 7-5.

Ectronice 9-4 Friendly Claim, 7-2 Flying Promise, 9-2 Jess Rebec, 7-1 Toulei, 10-1 Baltesecret, 12-1

Course specialists Flides Per cent 72 38.9 24 29.2 19 15.8 52 15.4 116 14.7 128 14.3

1.45 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,318: 2m 4f) (6

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1989: FIT FOR FIRING 5-11-0 B Powell (8-11 fev) D Eleworth 15 ran

FORM FOCUS ROSTARY clear from 2 out when beering Kellyann 15t at Devon (2m 11, good to firm), MULL. Makes chasin; debut STANDARD ROSE of course STANDA

2.15 HEATHFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,236: 3m 2f) (8 runners)

Long handicap: Master Comedy 9-12, Sir Wager 9-6, Backpacker 9-5, Scots Lad 9-5, Sea Challenger 8-

BETTING: 5-2 Mister Ed, 100-30 Mester Comedy, 5-1 Star Of Screen, 8-1 Dandy Minstrel, 12-1 Beck-ker, Sir Wager, 20-1 others. 1989: HURRY UP HENRY 10-10-5 Miss A Harwood (9-1) G Harwood 14 ran

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BETTING: 2-1 Beach Park, 3-1 Shitterfield, 4-1 Farmisa Boy, 6-1 Cheisea Man, 8-1 Never A Penny, 10-1 Final Alma.

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BETTING: 7-2 Link Market, 9-2 Hidden, 5-1 Altort, 7-1 Grace Card, 12-1 Just Pulham, 14-1 Missest, Sikks Domano, 16-1 others.

2.0 COOPERS DELOITTE CLAIMING STAKES (22.721: 6f) (16 runners) S Parks —
Dans Mellor —
L Newton (5) • 83
— R F Elliot 94
— S Webster 65
— T Comn 93
— G Carter 95

2.30 COVERDALE CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,448: 7f) (11 runners)

BETTING: 5-2 Carrolle Merc, 7-2 Cunning Plan, 4-1 Angel Train, 5-1 Mick's Choice, 7-1 Jolly Fisherman, 10-1 Sequel Two, 14-1 others.

3.0 SOUTHWELL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,553: 1m) (15 runners) 3.0 SOUTHWELL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (Amateurs: 22,553: 1m) (15 runners)

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4 (15) 50:400 O'OSERON'S DAUGHTER 28 R Trompson 3-10-7 ___ Miss Helen Carrington (5) 80

5 (11) 301:226 SURGET REINS FREE &1 (D.G.S) (M Russell E Alson 5-10-3 ___ R Wilsonson (5) 86

6 (2) 9045-23 SURGET REINS FREE &1 (D.G.S) (M Russell E Alson 5-10-3 ___ R Wilsonson (6) 96

7 (1) 458-002 SURGET REINS FREE &1 (D.G.S) (M Russell E Alson 5-10-3 ___ R Wilsonson (6) 96

8 (0) UNATTINGHAM VALE 5 (J Evans) M Chapman 7-0-12 ____ Valerie Brodnhaw (6) 96

10 (3) 00:00-34 PRECNOUS BALLERMA 250 (M Jackson) J Helterton 5-0-12 Serzh Easterty (5) 96

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12 (4) 00-0000 FINE SELL RIBBONS 3.J (G Adams) R Rishman 3-0-0 ____ Chapman Registon (6) 73

13 (8) SERING SPANISH WIGSPER 22.J (D.F) (J BOSTOCK) J BOSTOCK 3-0-0 ____ Rishman (6) 80

15 (14) 00:0000 CLIRVET 4.J (0) (E O'Sulliven) M Chapman 5-0-7 ____ Sarah Kalleway 90

Long bandicage Curvet 9-1.

Long handless: Curvet 9-1.
BETTING: 5-2 Percenque, 7-2 Super Morning, 9-2 Alnaeric Pete, 6-1 Sunset Reins Free, 8-1 Spanish Whisper, 12-1 Precious Ballerins, 14-1 others.

Von Csadek could join Welsh National line-up

By Christopher Goulding

in last month's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup after strong support, will be hoping to redeem his reputation in the Coral Welsh National at Chepsiow on Saturday.

Henricita Knight, his trainer, vesterday. "But whether he runs or not will depend on the owners, who will be coming over from the States tomorrow. We should know what we are doing on Wednesday." Before the former American-

trained chaser finished eighth behind Arcue Call in the Hennessy, he had shown his aptitude for extreme distances when beating Over The Road over three miles five furlongs at Worcester.

"I would rather Von Csadek ran over a distance like he will encounter in the Welsh Nat-ional," continued Miss Knight. "Patrick Worrall will again be riding as the horse was principally sent over for him to ride.

But I am afraid he will be
putting up quite a bit of
overweight."

Unlike many of the principal

five-day entries, Von Csadek, who gets a 14-1 quote with Ladbrokes, will appreciate the prevailing ground which was official described as "good" by Rodger Farrant, the clerk of the course, yesterday. "It would be nice to get some rain," said Farrant. "I understand all the top horses would like it good to

However, the going is not a source of concern for Garrison Savannah. After the gelding's impressive seasonal reappear-ance when second to Celtic Shot Haydock Park, he returned with

progress and I am hopeful," said Jenny Pitman yesterday. "But he has to be one hundred per cent for Saturday. And this I will only know after he has had his final canter on Friday

Mrs Pitman, who has won the race three times, added: "My advice to punters is to keep your brass in your pocket until he is

VON Csadek, who disappointed down at the start. In these longdistance races, everything must be right with your borse." Sam Da Vinci, who finished fourth in last month's Hennessy, is one of few expected

to revel in the present con-ditions. "At the moment he is an intended runner, provided the the ground remains good," said a stable spokeswoman. backed horse with the sponsors yesterday, from 20-1 to 16-1, is

aiso expected to line up pro-Ireland's hopes of capturing the prize for the first time rest with Cloney Grange. "We are hoping for bottomless ground," said David O'Connor, who rides the 11-year-old for his father, James. We have decided 10 come over because we simply

have no long-distance races for him in Ireland. "Last season, he pleased us when fourth behind Desert Or-chid in the Irish National on ground that was too fast. But since then we cannot find a suitable race for him. He really stavs and the Grand National

season." Cloney Grange, who last ran in this country five years ago when second to the 1983 champion hurdler Gaye Brief at Ascot, is a 20-1 chance with

Francois Doumen, who sent Nupsala over from France to conquer Desert Orchid in the 1987 King George VI Kank Chase, has decided against renning Tivofi in the Welsh National. However, he will have two runners on the Welsh

"No Contest will run in the Finale Junior Hurdle and Utchinson goes for the Philip Cornes Novices' Hurdle," said Doumen, "They are both running because the ground in France is too heavy." Next week. Doumen aims to prevent Desert Orchid collect-

ing a record fourth victory in the King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day when he runs The Fellow. "The Fellow is half-bred, like Nupsala. We have beaten Desert Orchid before with Nupsala and I hope to do the same again,"

CHEPSTOW ACCEPTORS

Advanced going: good

1.55 CORAL WELSH NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (Grade III: £30,000 added: 3m 6f) (19 five-day declarations)

230,000 added: 3m 6f) (19 five-day declarations)

809-32 BONANZA BOY (CB) (S Dunster) M Pipe 9-11-10

2329-3 PANDO (A Parter) J Enviros 9-11-5

232-11 CARRICK MILL LAD (C) 6 Ribrerts 7-10-11

2121-2 GARRISON SAVARBANI (Austrour Engineering) Mrs J Priman 7-10-8

35-165 BAN DA VINCI (BF) (Mrs E Misson) D Nectotion 11-10-1

1911-10 VON CSADEN (Shepperd Worrall Stables) Miss H Kinghi 8-10-1

1423-3 COOL GROUND (C) (Wintscombe Nature Racing Lin) Fi Avenursi 8-8-13

49-191 VON CSADEN (Shepperd Worrall Stables) Miss H Kinghi 8-10-1

2133-5 ROWLANDSONS SEWELS (BF) (Rowterdsons Lin) D Murray Smith 5-9-8

81222 CLOMEY GRANGE (E O'Dwyst) J J O'Connor (re) 11-9-5

809-433 NBCC'S STAR (P Bancroth) Mrs J Pomen (10-9-4

8-1245 OVER THE ROAD (J Lipson) J Lipson 9-9-4

P-3212 OUTSIDE EDDE (BF) (B Rilpatroth) M Pipe 8-9-2

FDUSP-3 L'ANÉ ROUGE (P Green) M Pipe 9-9-1

12211/11 PLYBIG GOOL J Warren J Baller 10-8-0

4-611 JOST (A Joynson) Mrs J Wornscott 8-7-11

22311/11 PLYBIG GOOL J Warren J Baller 10-8-0

Lacest betting (Corata): 4-1 Boraceva, Carrick Hill Led. 5-1 Bonenza B

S3015-4 The QUONÉE (C) (B Jones) J Baker 8-6-11

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Ground, 10-1 Sam Da Vinci, 12-1 Outside Edde, 16-1, Envoquik Tolen, Yahoo, 20-1
Coney Grange, Neck's Star, L'Ane Rouge, Rowlandsons Jewels, 25-1 Over The Road,
Royal Battery, 50-1 Flying God.

(Laterokase): 7-2 Carrick Hill Led. 9-2 Boraceva, 5-1 Garrison Savannah (with a
run), 6-1 Bonanza Boy, Cool Ground, 14-1 Mick's Star, Von Csadek, 16-1 L Ane
Rouge, Outside Edge, 20-1 Coney Grange, Envopak Tokan, Over The Road,
Rowlandsons Jewels, Sam Da Vinci, Yahoo, 33-1 Flying God, Royal Battery, 100-1
Josst, 200-1 The Outside.

European racing opens Kempton the pattern door to all favourite

By PHIL McLENNAN

RACING is to open its doors to the lesser European turf authorities following an important meeting of the European Pattern Committee in Dublin last week.

From 1993, it will be possible for races run in any European country to be included in the formulation agroup three race to be run and the context of the supplier of a group three race to be run and the context of the supplier of a group three race to be run and the supplier of a group three race to be run and the supplier of a group three race to be run and the supplier of a group three race to be run and the supplier of a group three race to be run and the supplier of a group three race to be run and the supplier of a group three race to be run and the supplier of a group three race to be run and listed races, thus ensuring truly international racing at the highest level. pattern provided the quality of the race is sufficiently high. At course is situated in what was present, the pattern is restricted to the five members countries of

Britain, Ireland, France, Italy and Germany. Christopher Foster, deputy chief executive of the Jockey Club and Britain's repre-sentative at the Dublin meeting, said yesterday: "There's no reason why the Scandinavian

countries or Belgium or Spain, for example, could not have pattern races from 1993 as long as they are of adequate quality." With the existing ratings sys-

East Berlin, making it the first pattern race to be run in what was East Germany. Looking further affield and further ahead, the European Pattern committee has voiced its support for the idea of establishing an official northern

hemisphere classification. "With so many European horses racing in the United States and Canada, we feel it is now possible to consider a rating system for the whole northern hemisphere," Foster said. "Three representatives will be tems to be replaced by a single set of European parameters, it should be possible for horses trained outside the five member "Three representatives will be attending a meeting in Florida next month for further discussions."

Cup decision this week

A DECISION on the controversial plan to cut the distance of
Britain's premier staying Flat

The Appendix of the providing the position to make an announcement on the staying pattern in

reduce the distance from 2½ two miles to two miles as staying events have become less popular with trainers and breader.

Indees a similar cut in distance to two miles. The Doncaster Cup is expected to be left at 24 miles.

Another change for the mental with trainers and breader. events have become less popular with trainers and breeders.

Flat turf season is that jockeys

Chase on January 5. A winner However, the Ascot executive is are to be brought into line with firmly opposed to the plan, even their jumping colleagues and another victory could put Cellic though there is a danger the race will be obliged to wear body. Shot in line for a £50,000 bonus may lose its group one status if agreement is not reached.

Riders ha

John Smee, of the Jockey
Club's race-planning department, said: 'There's been a continuing debate between the Jockey Club and the Ascot Association.

Competition winner

Mr Peter Buckton is the winner of The Times' competition offering a luxury visit for two to the Rank Holiday Festival race In addition to the racing and meeting at Kempion Park on December 26 and 27.

Mr Buckton, who lives at Ruisifip Place. Barns Park, Cramlington, Northumberland, and a trend will low Buckton's entry was the first terrory on a trend will low.

Ruislip Place. Barns Park, Cramlington, Northumberland, and a triend will join Richard Pitman at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, on the morning of Boxing Day for the start of two days of enter-

cut to 13-8

By PAUL WHEELER DESERT Orchid is down to 13-8 with William Hill for the King George VI Rank Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day. A winner of the race three times before, the 11-year-old was originally quoted at 7-2 after finishing fourth to Young Snught over

two miles at Sandown earlier this month. However, with many of those entered still not certain to make the line-up, the grey's price has been forced down by public demand. As Don Payne, of demand. As Don Payne, or Hills, explained: "We're only taking money for horses that go on fast ground. The only two that are being backed are Desert Orchid and The Fellow. But if the weather suddenly turned, it would be a completely different. would be a completely different ball game."

Norton's Coin and Toby Tobias, first and second in last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup. Britain's premier staying Flat race, the Ascot Gold Cup, is likely to be reached this week.

The Jockey Club wants to reduce the distance from 2'r miles to two miles. The Doncaster Cup is

there already twice this season, for the most successful chaser at Riders have been testing out the Lancashire track this season. LATEST PRICES: Hiller 13-8 Desert Orong, 9-2 Cettic Shot, 5-1 Sabin Du Loir, Toby Tobias, 8-1 The Fellow, 12-1 others.



RUGBY UNION

Midlands finish as runners-up with last game scrapped

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) took the pragmatic decision yesterday not to prolong the divisional championship: the postponed game between the North and the Midlands will not be played and, for the purposes of the championship, will go down as a no-score draw which leaves the Midlands as runners-up to London, the as a whole.

The RFU, after discussions with both divisions concerned and ADT Security Systems. the sponsor, took account of the difficulty of raising representative teams at a congested time of year. The union also had in mind that the England training squad would be picked this evening at the East India Club and named tomorrow. Selection for the squad is the main objective for the players involved in the championship, which now goes into a state of limbo, though, if Yorkshire had their way, it would be consigned to the history books.

The divisional championship is one of the most misunderstood competitions in the RFU calendar, partly because it is perceived as conflicting with the interests of the counties, partly because it has developed at the same time as club league rugby in England, which is supposed to be the universal panacea.

It is not. The standard of rugby played in the first division is not uniformly be played in conjunction with happens quicker a good: take away a handful of the county championship next has to be sharper.

redeems

dismissal

JONATHAN Humphreys, the

Cardiff hooker, had a ban threat quashed by the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) yesterday after a touch judge acknowledged that he had picked out the wrong

Humphreys was sent off for

alleged stamping during Sat-urday's 23-15 Heineken League

defeat at Swansea. He protested his innocence to Robert Davies,

the referee, and video evidence

that led to the player's vindica-tion. Ken Rowlands, the WRU

development officer, said: "The

touch judge was man enough to

league, Paul Edwards, who trod

on a Swansea forward. Cardiff

were meeting last night to discuss the incident and possible

Andrew Sutton, the New-bridge lock, has been banned for

the referee and me."

action against Edwards.

showed he was not the culprit.

Wasps, perhaps Orrell, Harlequins and Rossiyn Park - and there is a lot of indifferent rugby on display at the top end of the club tree. It is a false analogy to say that nothing could be better than, for example, the recent league and cup games between Bath and Leicester because the quality of those games is not representative of the first division

The divisional championship offers the necessary sifting process, not only to players but to coaches and selectors, too. The greatest threat to the championship is an over-large representative programme placed on top of it, as we have had this season with a clutter of B, under-2i and student internationals, which involve many of the players also required for divisional rugby. The RFU claims that this season is not

Critics will sympathise with the recent Yorkshire request to the RFU: that the divisional championship has served its purpose and should be discontinued. That request will be on the agenda of the RFU competitions sub-committee when it meets on January 3, as will the fate of the championship during the

World Cup season. Officially, divisional rugby, with a three-year sponsorship agreement, is in place for the next two seasons and is due to

FORTUNATELY for the or-

surance Cup, the snow that covered much of Britain ten

By DAVID HANDS THE Barbarians, in their centenary year, have been hard to keep out of the news: their sixth match of the season (they have won three and lost two), on December 27, will see them field one of the strongest teams of recent years in the annual October but in "second-XV"

gets the call for

and Andy Robinson.
Pool-Jones is one of three new

able last six months for Heslops capped abroad and at home by

urday was a recurrence, and

Ackford hopes that, with treat-ment, he will be able to appear

Both the French players, Jean-

for the Barbarians.

What of the worth of the championship just passed? The England selectors are no nearer knowing the best alter-native at stand-off half for Rob Andrew; John Steele had his moments behind the Midlands pack but injury robbed Martin Strett of a prolonged run for the North. However, Rupert Moon has thrust himself up the scrum-half ratings and Simon Dear has had a more than useful champion-

form, because none of En-

gland's World Cup squad will

Dean Ryan appears to have gained greater control of his temper which let him down on tour in Argentina in July far too frequently for comfort. It has been a profitable month for the Wasps No. 8, who has been a consistent ball-winner at the lineout for London and part of a substantial scrum. Exposure to divisional rugby has done him no harm; in the words of Andrew, the London captain: "Players derive a harder edge to their game, playing in the sort of physical

battles we have had. "The forwards would say those two games have been harder than anything else they had this season, which serves the purpose of building up to the five nations' championship. It's another step up in physical contact, intensity, pressure, where everything happens quicker and everyone

Baptiste Lafond and Franck Mesnel, have enjoyed Christ-mas in Leicester before and they will bring with them from France, Richard Loe, the New Zealand prop spending a season with Vichy. Loe has played twice already this season for the Barbarians, against England and Wales, while the uncapped Swansea prop, Ian Buckett, appeared in the heavy defeat at the hards of Memora. Linesman Ashbourne yet to the hands of Newport. White, the Scotland No. 8, is after all the rugby he can get. Having spent the last three months recovering from a frac-

months recovering from a fractured cheekbone, he plays for Scotland A against Spain in Seville on Saturday before appearing for the Barbarians.

BARBARIANS: J-B Ladend (Recing Cub and France); I Evens (Uanell and Welse), J Guscott (Bath and England), F Meenei (Racing Cub and France), N Heeley (Ornell and England); R Andrew (Wasps and England), R Hill (Beth and England); Buckett (Swansea), D Fox (Llanell), R Loe (Victy and New Zealand), R Pool-Jonea (Cambridge University). C Gray (Notingham and Scotland), P Acktord (Mariequans and England), A Robinson (Bath and

• Bath have become the second first-class club this month to pull out of a fixture at Blackheath (Peter Bills writes) The first division leaders asked to be released from the fixture because of their commitments at the Toulouse centenary tournament and the unavailability of three players, who will be in

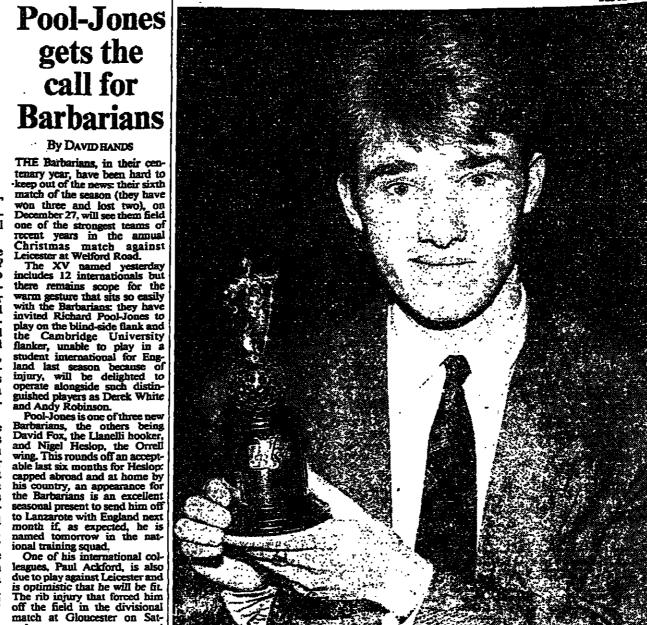
January. ● The Australian schoolbovs open the British leg of their tour against West Wales at Llanelli ● John Maxwell-Hyslop, who

the United States. Bath have

offered Blackheath a new date in

was England's oldest surviving international, has died. Maxwell-Hyslop, who was born on May 31, 1899, captained Oxford University in 1922, the same year in which he made three mad youth view his respective wins in the US Open and the appearances in England's pack.

The new king of the frame game



Stephen Hendry, who has made nearly a clean sweep of the most important titles in the game since winning the world championship last May, received the snooker writers' player-of-the-year award at a lunch at the Cafe Royal, London, yesterday

TENNIS

ITF woos players with money

Brad Gilbert, the runner-up, can pay off the mortgage on his house in Oakland.

What else emerged from the first Grand Slam Cup? The Cerebral Palsy Foundation zained a handsome donation of \$250,000 (£131,000) from Pete Sampras's \$2 million first prize and the Grand Slam Trust Fund, which finances and promotes tennis in all parts of the globe, benefited to the tune of \$2 million. The money for both was generated not by the International Tennis Federation (ITF), it should be noted, but by the promoter, Axel Meyer-Wolden, through sponsorship and the sale of television rights.

But what was the point of the experience. event?

The stated aim was to protect the grand slams. By putting up vast sums of money and basing qualification on performances in the grand slams, the ITF is hoping to woo the players away from the clutches of the Association of Tennis Professionals' (ATP) and ensure solidarity for the grand slams in the future. The federation is particularly worried that a new generation of player is emerging who has more respect for money than tra-dition. Players like Sampras.

So how did this new money-

SO, PETE Sampras, the first Grand Slam Cup? The former dent of the ITF, gave further Grand Slam Cup champion, can with awe, the latter with a evidence of the federation's buy a new set of golf clubs, and resignation which verged on misplaced priorities. Asked resignation which verged on boredom. "I have won a lot of what he thought about the first Grand Slam Cup, he replied: "I money in an exhibition," he am very pleased and relieved that the promoter has not lost any money." Never mind the fact that the previous evening said, almost apologetically. As the ITF had spent much of 1990 saying the opposite, the new champion could not have made a more embarrassing remark.

I wonder, too, if, at the end of squaring up to each other, has seen Brad Gilbert, the ultimate journeyman who has never gone beyond the quarter-final of a grand slam event in ten years, take home \$1 million, and seen some very good, but a lot of very average, tennis played in a half-full hall in midwinter, whether John Curry, the chairman of Wimbledon, feels his tour-nament is stronger for the

Neither Andre Agassi nor Michael Chang feels compelled to play in the Australian Open next month just because they might qualify for the Grand Slam Cup. Nor will Agassi play at Wimbledon just because of it.

The top players will decide
where and when they want to
play and the ITF has simply degraded itself and the game in attempting to appeal to their baser instincts. In fact, Becker, Edberg, Lendl, Sampras — the potential grand slam champions seem to have a rather better

understanding of the real mean-ing of grand slams than the ITF itself. Players are not fools. Philippe Chatrier, the presicredible tournament, worth

two players had nearly come to evidence of how important the tournament really was, according to Chatrier. Never mind the image of the game, beamed to millions of homes worldwide, never mind the credibility of the ITF. Never mind all those incidentals, nobody lost any money. Some important establishment consciences have to be examined over the next month or two.

Slam Cup might become a meaningful event; that will not be because of the money, but because the players think it is a winning. That day is a long way

The two most competitive players of the week were Gilbert. who will never win a grand slam, and Wheaton, who is some way behind Sampras and Agassi in the queue of good young American players. Despite the contention of the players in Munich that everyone would play next year, I cannot believe that Boris Becker is itching to do so. But doubtless Gilbert will be back to feather

YACHTING

Rigs guard leader's dash into strait

By BARRY PICKTHALL

JOHN Martin was back in the driving seat yesterday as the winds returned to propel his 60ft yacht, Allied Bank, to within 600 miles of Sydney, the finish of the second stage in the 27,000-mile BOC single-handed round the world race.

Overnight, the South African

circumnavigator gained 43 miles on his two French rivals, opening a lead of 227 miles over Alain Gautier, the first-stage winner, with Christophe Auguin a further 14 miles astern.

Martin, who reported yes-terday that his main autopilot system was back in operation, but who has lost his main compass during a crash gybe, is preparing to run the gauntle past 50 oil rigs spaced out across
Bass Strait. The changing weather paterns may encourage
Gautier and Auguin, however,
to take the longer, easier route Josh Hall, of Britain, 1,300

miles astern, appears to have overcome the problems caused by a capsize last week. He retains second place in the second division, 730 miles behind Yves Dupasquier's remarkable French 50-footer, Servant, which lies eighth overall, ahead of three 60ft Class I

entries.

Robin Davie, of Britain, competing in the Corinthian class, is also doing well and by yesterday had closed to within 90 miles of Paul Thackaberry's leading American yacht,

Volcano.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 12.20 GMT yesterday, with miles to Sydney); Cless 1: 1. Alled Bank (J Martin, SA) 661 miles; 2. Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr) 888; 3. Groupe Sosta (C Auguln, Fr) 902; 4. Credit Agricole (P Jeantof, Fr) 1,122; 5. Inn-keeper (D Adama, Aug) 1,158; 6. Ecureuii PC (I Autissier, Fr) 1,183; 7. Duracelli (M Plam; US) 1,197; 8. Jerken (K Birtles, Aus) 1,305; 9. BSV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, So) 1,305; 10. Grinsker (B Reed, SA) 1,396. Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupesquier, Fr) 1,206; 2. New Spirit of ipswich (J Heil, GB) 1,934; 3. Sponsor Wanted (D McChryre, Aus) 2,038; 4. Project City Kits (J Boye JISA) 2,381; 5. Koden (Y Tada, Japan) 3,036. Contribism cless: 1, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US) 2,503; 2. Giobel Exposure (R Davie, GB) 2,594; 3. Shutandohi (M Saito, Japan) 2,888; 4. Nilhau (X Hooke, US) 3,058.

Bond halts work on Cup yacht

SYDNEY - Alan Bond, stopped on the Farr 50 he was having built for next year's Champagne Mumm Admiral's international team series in Britain, leaving a serious gap in the potential Australian team (Bob Ross writes).

Bond's project manager for the yacht, Skip Lissiman, has advised the Ocean Racing Club In years to come, the Grand of Australia (ORCA), selects the Admiral's Cup team. that its campaign would no longer be pursued. Bond's backdown is a serious setback to Australia's chances. Otip, the French C-class cata-

maran challenger for the Little America's Cup, yesterday broke her tilting asymmetrical wing rig in half in the second race on Port Phillip Bay, near Melbourne, and may be out of the elimination series against the challenger, Freedom's Wing, from San Diego.

PARIS: The French yacht contending for the 1992 America's Cup will be financed by and named after the city of Paris, officials said yesterday (AP

reports).

SNOW REPORTS

Today The Times resumes its service of snow reports, with information supplied by the Sid Club of Great Britain and by tourist boards and corological offices throughout Europe.

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Excellent early skiing conditions on empty pistes, some off-piste quite heavy
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Excellent conditions on all upper and most middle slopes, a few key patches on lower slopes. No queues are stopes at the state of the sta In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial. SWITZERLAND Information supplied by the German Automobile Club. SCOTLAND

Catragora: Snow level. 2,000t; vertical runs. 1,500t. Runs: upper reasonable, cover some: middle very thin; lower, patchy. Access roads open; chainties, two open; strong, str

Tomba ready to thrill

ALBERTO Tomba will be seek- love to give them a show." ing two trebles in the World Cup

victory in the last two races.

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ing two trebles in the World Cup His devastating second run in slalom at Madonna di Cam- the Sestricre slalom last Tuespiglio today.

The Italian has won the last mance in Alta Badia on Sunday two events at the south Tirol gave the supporters more than resort, and his last two in Italy full value. But Tomba the this season, at Sestriere and Alta entertainer cannot leave it there. Badia. Today he can expect a in Alta Badia he treated the rapturous welcome from home crowd to a celebratory somersupporters who roared him to sault as he accepted their tumultuous applause. "I love to have a big crowd It was his sixth victory in cheering," Tomba said, "I pick Italy, where he has won every World Cup race he has finished

try which Hellaby converted, before landing a second dropped

days ago has cleared, and eight of the fifth-round ties postponed then took place on Saturday. Games in the Midlands were vorst hit, but the week's delay did nothing to temper Melton Mowbray's appetite, and they took great delight in putting out New Park Old Boys 20-3. usually niggly, but this one was played in the best of spirits as Richard Elliot, the touch judge who picked out Humphreys from a brawl, saw the

concede a try

replay and initiated proceedings penalty goal by New Park. One of the more remarkable statistics of this competition is that Ashbourne have yet to concede a try this season, and say he had made a mistake and although they left it late to claim lost no time in informing both victory this time, they held firm against Old Newtonians. With Television replays showed it their forwards in control, was Humphreys's front-row colgoals ten minutes from the end but a penalty goal and a dropped

goal by Simon Hellaby, the Ash-bourne stand-off, took the match into extra time. Newtonians entrenched in the Ashbourne 22 for the first six weeks after being sent off against Llanelli last month for illegal use of the boot. He will be out until January 6.

Weather Less

views the fifth round of the Provincial Insurance Cup

BARRY TROWBRIDGE re-

goal three minutes from time.

In West Yorkshire, the
Bradford Salem scoring machine rolled on, and they
predictably disposed of Old Modernians, from Leeds, 26-3. Modernians scored first with a dropped goal, but two penalty goals by Andy Gannon, the Salem stand-off, put them 6-3

A try by Richard Gillerass. 2 wing, five minutes after the restart, broke Modernians' defiance, and Gary Sykes, a centre, and the flankers, Shane Goble and Richard Head, added further tries.

RESULTS. Fifth round: North division: Wetherby 18, Shaffield Oaks 3; Bractiont Salem 26, Old Modernians 3, South-West division: Brosster 12, Brockworth 9; Hucciscote Old Boys 26, Stother and Pitt 4. Midianda division: Cid Warwickians 10, Warley 8; Ashbourne 15, Old Newtonians 9; New Park Old Boys 3, Melton Mowbray 20; Manor Park 18, Old Centrals 6. SXXTH ROUND: North and Midlands: Locidensian or Silioth v Wetherby: Bradford Salem v Manor Park; Melton Mowbray v Old Warwickians; Old Anselmians v Ashbourne. South: Old Readonians v London Cornistr, Gloucester CS Tigers v Fordingbridge; Greenwich v Bicestar; Hucciscote Old Boys v Topsham. Ties to be played on January 5.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Winter warmth for Werder

By KEITH BLACKMORE

ten weeks on Saturday but not before snow storms frustrated Kaiserslautern's hopes of being the "autumn champions".

Their match against Cologne was one of four weekend fix-tures in the league that fell victim to the weather, allowing Werder Bremen to reach the halfway point of the season in the top position. Werder had beaten Bochum 2-1 on Friday night with Wynton Rufer, of ew Zealand, scoring both their goals.

Bayern Munich, the champions, might have overtaken Werder but could only draw 1-1 with Bayer Uerdingen, whose equaliser came four minutes from time through Fach. The result leaves Bayern a point behind Werder and a point ahead of Kaiserslautern. Jupp Heynokes, the coach of Bayern, admitted be was disappointed. "We had to win," be said. "One point in Uerdingen was too little for us. Our goal was to become

THE West German first di- autumn champions. We didn't vision went into hibernation for make it and I am dissatisfied." One man who had greater cause for contentment as the two-month break began was Thomas Allofs, who scored three times as Fortuna Dusseldorf beat Borussia Monchesgladbach 4-1. The league resumes on February 23.

> Play continues in France until next week but snow forced the vision matches. Marseilles will approach the Christmas holiday in a better frame of mind after beating Metz 3-0 and opening a three-point lead at the top of the first division.

Two of the goals came from Papin, his eleventh and twelfth of the season, but the day belonged to Waddle. He gave Papin his first opportunity by earning a penalty and scored the third himself direct from a free

Despite the result, Franz Beckenbauer, the coach, was still at odds with Bernard Tapie, the president. Beckenbauer said: scorers.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

Bit GIAN: Corcie Sruges 1, Anderlecht 3; Antwerp 2, Kortrik 2: Loteren 2, Ekeren 5; Waregern 0, Charterol 0; Bearschot 1, Standard Lidge 2; St Truden 0, Ghent 0; Mochelen 2, Lierze 0; FC Lidge 2, Gerk 1; Molerbeek 0, Chib Bruges 1, Leading positions (after 18 matches): 1, Ghent, 20ts; 2, Anderlecht, 28; 3, Club Bruges, 25 25. BRAZELIAN: Championezho final, second leg: São Paulo O, Corintrians 1 (Corin-trians won 2-0 on aggregate). leg: São Paulo G, Corintitarias 1 (Corintitarias won 2-d on aggregate).

DITCH: Second round cup games: PSV
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Attende Engles 2, Vitasse Armhem 3; FC
Den Haag 5, Haarlem 3; Sports Rotterdam
1, FC Volendam 0; VC Vitasungen 1, EC
Groningen 3; Excalsor 0, Alax Ametierdam 5; Geldrop 1, EVV Den Bosch 4;
Ethikwijk 1, Willem II Tiburg 3 (sett; SV
Meanssen 2, De Graafschap 2 (art, De
Graffschap won 5-4 on pernetities).

PRENCH: Menselles 3, Metz 0; Monaco 0,
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Caen 1; Cannes 3, Lyons 2; Breat 3,
Nancy 3; Parte Seint-Gormain 1, Rennes
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Auxerre, 27: 3, Monaco, 28.

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"It can't go on any longer the way it is. If we can't get the whole thing sorted out and it doesn't work, then everything has been a misunderstanding. Auxerre, who beat Marseilles 4-0 last week, were held to a goalless draw by Monaco, who are third, in Monte Carlo. The four leading clubs in Italy

all drew on Sunday, leaving Internazionale where they had started, a point ahead of Juventus and two ahead of Sampdoria and AC Mitza.
Diego Maradona was recalled to
the Naples side which beat Lazio
2-1 with goals by Careca and Real Madrid were beaten in

the Spanish league for the first time since Alfredo di Stefano replaced John Toshack as coach. Their defeat by Atlético Bilbao leaves them seven points behind Barcelona, the leaders, who beat Cadiz 2-0. Atlético Madrid retained second place by beating Real Sociedad 4-0, Bernd Schuster being among their

Penionios 0, Arls 0. Leeding positions (after 11 matches): 1, Panetrinelkos, 17pts; 2, Olympiakos, 17; 3, Athinaikos, 14.
LEAGUE OF BRELAND: Premier division:
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ITALIAN: Burl 1, Sempdoria 1; Bologna 1, Lecce 1; Genos 4, Cesena 1; Internazionale 1, Forentina 1; Auventus 2, Captar 2; Naples 2, Lazio 1; Perma 1, Atalanta 0; Pisa 2, Torino 0; AS Rome 0, AC Milan 0, Leeding poetions (arter 13 matches): 1. Internazionale, 18

swiss: Grasshopper 2. Lugano 0; Lausanne 1. Aanuu 0; Sh Gallen 3; FC Zurich 0; Neuchitel Xames 1, Sion 1; Lucerne 3; Young Boys 2; Wettingen 1; Servetes 3; Leeding positions (after 22 matches); 1; Sion, 30pts; 2, Grasshopper, 27; 3, Neuchitel, 28; TURKOSH: Besikus 3; Tratizonspor 2; Gazisniepspor 2; Fenerbahçe 5; Aydinapor 1; Galatasaray 2; Zeytinburhuspor 2; Adanaspor 3; Bouspor 2; Garciertidgi 0; Konyaspor 1; Batartoyspor 0; Arteragueu 3; Bursaspor 0; Sartyer 3; Karsyata 2; Leading positions (sfter 15 matches); 1; Galatasaray, 36pts; 2; Besiktes, 31; 3; Tratizonspor, Server 3. WEST GERMAN. Fortuna Düsa Borussia Monthecolo

WEST GERMAN: Fortune Dösseldorf 4, Borussie Mönchengleichech 1; St. Pauli 0, Borussie Dortmund 2: Bayer Uerdingen 1, Beyarn Munich 1; Bochum 1, Warder Brinteri 2: Offer matches postponed. Leuding positions (after 17 matches): 1, Werder Bromen, 24pts; 2; Bayern Munich, 22; 3, Kaiserplausen, 22, YUGOSLAY: Zemun 3, Velez Moster 3 (Velez won 5-4 on penalities); Hajduk Spit; 3, Protetz Zenjamn 3, Boras Benjaduka 1, Voyodine Novi Sad ©: Rijeka 2, Partizan Belgrade 1; Osipich, 1, Zelezzilour Sarajevo 1 (Osipic 3-2 on penalities); Sarajevo 3, Radnicki Nis ©: Sparak Subotica 0, Rad Belgrade 0 (Rad 6-5 on penalite); Rad Star Betgrade 1, Stoboda 1 tuzia 0; Dinama Zagrab 3, Otimpila (Jubijara 0, Leading positions: 1, Rad Star, pinyed 17, 28pts; 2, Pertzan, 18, 22; 3, Dinamo, 18, 19.

VOLLEYBALL Campbell

sets up Britannia By RODDY MACKENZIE

MIZUNO Britannia, having inflicted on Woolwich Brixton Knights their first league defeat of the season at the weekend, have put themselves on course to regain the women's first division title in the Royal Bank English League. Their 11-15, 15-10, 15-5, 15-8

win over the champions on Saturday left little doubt that Britannia are capable of re-capturing the title they last won in 1989, and they had the bonus of a 15-6, 15-4, 15-5 victory over Hilton Leeds on Sunday.

The switch of Helen Camp-

bell, who played through the middle in the first set against Brixton, to outside hitter paid off. "She had 29 kills in the game which is good hitting at this level," Paul Westhead, the Britannia coach, said. In the other matches,

Ashcombe Sabre Dorking beat Southgate 15-9, 15-11, 5-15, 15-10 and Dynamo London beat Leeds 15-4, 15-11, 2-15, 15-12 matches - against Scorplons and Portsmouth - were postponed because of freezing fog in

Cheshire. In the top match in the men's first division, Polonia Ealing moved into third place by beating Aquila 11-15, 15-8, 15-7,

POOLS FORECAST

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1 Everton v Derby

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Sovereign Leasing Sale lost any chance of keeping up with the leaders when their two

In Scotland, Sa Regazzi II. from the men's third division (west), caused an upset in the third round of the Royal Bank Scottish Cup when they knocked out Team Fife, from the first division, 15-11, 15-6, 15-11 to reach the last eight. 13-11 TO TEACH INC MAIN CONTROL TO TEACH TO TEACH INC MAINT START THE FIRST CHYSICATE IN MAINT. MAY THE THE CHYSICATE IN MAINT. MAY THE THE CHYSICATE IN MAINT. MAY THE CHYSICATE IN MAINT START THE CHYSICATE IN THE CHYSICATE

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> test schedule will be more intensive than ever following intensive than ever following Benetion's new contract with Pirelli and the planned development, with them, of special tyres specifically for the technical director, John Barnard's new car, the B191.
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> "His ability as a test driver will be invaluable to us," the commercial director. Flavio Briatore, said yesterday.
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> Respond hes long held Mo-Barnard has long held Moreno in high regard, even though uncompetitive Coloni and EuroBrun Formula One cars have meant a lean time since coming into grand prix racing as 1988 Formula 3000 champion.

Lake back in style

VALDA Lake, from Devon, who has not played in a tour-nament in Britain since the

yesterday.

Despite a confident display.
Lake had to struggle before beating Nicholson, the No. 6 Valderrama Golf Club in Sotogrande, Spain, will be held October 24 to 27. The Portuguese Open has been transferred Buese Open has been transferred to a date still to be announced.

BROLLAND SQUARE Spenish women's championship (Sotogrands), February 27 to March 3. J Hall (Februare Ferry), K Tabbet (East Devon), L Fletcher (Almaouth), A MacDonald (Andover), F

against Tottenham Horspor at home after all. After negotiagame into disrepute over retions between the club, police FA Cup-tie against Swansea and county council ground safety Officials, Blackpool penalty decision which gave were told that they could play Swansea a 2-1 win. Swindon Town have agreed The news has delighted the manager, Billy Ayre, and his players, who were against a provisional £400,000 trans-

FOOTBALL

Blackpool can stage

tie against Spurs

on their own ground

fer fee with Bari, of Italy, for Nestor Lorenzo, the Argentine international defender.

Ground capacity will be set at about 9,000 with support- this season on loan at the ers getting priority for tickets second division club, but was through a voucher system. forced to return to Italy after Club officials are to carry out the Department of Employ-£20,000-worth of safety work ment refused to extend his on the ground in time for the work permit. However, it is likely that the DOE will adopt Norman Whiteside, Ever- a more sympathetic stance ton's Northern Ireland inter- towards a permanent move.

The Nottingham Forest midfield player, Steve Hodge, yesterday suffered a fresh setback when he limped out of a Midlands Senior League game against Carlisle United reserves at the City Ground. Hodge, out of first team action told by Howard Kendall the for more than three weeks, was taken off after 58 minutes of Forest's 1-0 victory.

If Whiteside can agree personal terms with Ron Atkin-Palace chairman, said yes-Ron Noades, the Crystal son, the Wednesday manager, terday that the club would a deal is likely to be swiftly continue to play pre-Christ-

time, Kendell scored the decider from 25 yards.

cond with a penalty.

Old Aidenhamians

Midfield battle is won by Etonians

By George Chesterton minutes later. Ten minutes from

THE defeat of Old Cholmeleians on their own ground by the Old Emsians was the most unexpected of the four positive results on Saturday that took the Arthur Dunn Cup through to the second round.

at Bloomfield Road.

tie on January 5.

switching the match to Maine Road or White Hart Lane.

national midfield player,

vesterday opened formal

negotiations with Sheffield

Wednesday about a possible

transfer to the second division

club. Whiteside is unable to

command a regular first team

place at Everton, and has been

team manager, that he is to be

allowed to leave Goodison

The Etonians deserved their 2-0 victory. They were quicker on to the ball and kept control in midfield throughout. Gladstone scored with a penalty after five minutes and Armstrong made it 2-0 with a hard drive ten minutes into the second half.

the Old Wykehamists 1-0 at Winehester in their replayed match. Chung, the Aldenham captain, scored the one goal from a penalty during extra Old Bradfieldians, entertaining the Old Haileyburians, won behind to do so. Haileybury went ahead early in the match, but Keanie equalised a few

MOTOR RACING

Benetton

place

to Moreno

By JOHN BLUNSDEN

ROBERTO Moreno, who drove

two storming races for Benetton Formula in Japan and Australia

at the end of the 1990 Formula

One season as a stand-in for Alessandro Nannini, has se-cured a regular drive with the

team for next season.

Nannini was injured in a

belicopter crash in Italy in October. Next season, Moreno

will partner Nelson Piquet, also

of Brazil, with whom he shared

a place on the rostrum at Suzuka

when the two, who have been close friends since their karting

days, scored the first one-two finish in the team's history.

However, Moreno has se-cured the drive as much for his

testing ability as for his racing potential. This winter the team's

BLACKPOOL have been The Walsali manager, Palace attracted only 15,195. FA Cup third-round tie against Tottenham Harman at charged with bringing the season, when they bear Lutor their lowest League gate of the season, when they beat Luton Town 1-0 at Selhurst Park, but Noades put that down to Luton's lack of drawing power City. He was upset about a rather than the day of the

Barry Lloyd, the Brighton manager, has signed a threeyear extension to his contract, keeping him at the Goldstone Ground until the start of the 1994-5 season.

Bournemouth are planning a memorial match against Aston Villa in honour of the managing director, Brian Tiler, who died in a minibus crash in Italy during the World Cup finals. Tiler, aged 49, captained Villa's 1971 League Cup final side.

Graham Pearson, former chairman of Scunthorpe United, is demanding around £300,000 to cover the cost of his 61 per cent shareholding and other loans he made to the club. If his demands are not met, he is threatening to put his shares on the open market, making it possible for an outsider to take control.

Sorin Andersen, the Danish international forward, is to join Sheffield United for a three-week trial. Andersen, who plays for Herfolge, is valued at £100,000.

Bridlington have home advantage

BRIDLINGTON Town, last season's beaten finalists, have been drawn at home to Borrowash Victoria in the FA Vase fourth round.

The pattern was similar at Wellinghorough, where the home team defeated Old West-Vase fourth round.

FULL DRAW: Bridlington Town v
Borrowesh Victoria; Knowtsiey United v
Spatiding United; Glossop v Cammet
Leird or Ashington; Greetey Rovers v
Billingham Town: Town
(Eastwood); King's Lynn v Guissley;
Hincidey Athesic v Huckneil: Town;
Harefield United v Hythe Town; Town
bridge Town v Yate Town; Eastleigh v
Listehampton Town; Malden Vate or
Didoot Town v Dawlish Town; Sudbury
Town or Harwich and Parkeston v
Purfleet: Hastings Town v Riston;
Bucklegham Town v Bridgort;
Newquay v Saffron Walden Town;
Walthamstow Pennent v Thedoot
Town (matches to be played on minsters 2-1. Westminster scored from the penalty spot after 25 minutes. The equaliser came well into the second half when Bowers pushed the ball through for Denton to score from close range. Ten minutes from time, Denton got his

RUGBY UNION

Orrell carry the torch for North

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

northern rugby has its problems and this makes the present showing of its premier club, Ortell, all the more significant. Orrell are carrying the northern torch and making a thoroughly good job of it.

They faltered against Saracens (19-12) and, perhaps predictably against Bath (17-9, with Orrell having had a player sent off); but they have a real chance of a high placing in the Courage Clubs Championship first division and of a brave showing in the Pilkington Cup.
The transformation at Orrell

in recent years has been spectacular. One moment defines it precisely. During Orrell's league match with Northampton in late October, the visitors conceded an early penalty under the Orrell posts. Steve Taberner tapped and ran; more than half the side handled and Dave Cleary scored. Last year the kick to touch would have been

taken.
This exciting return to dangerous and adventurous living profits and adventions in ving prompted one supporter to murmur: "Thank God they're back to playing Orrell rugby."

The remarkable 60-0 win against Northampton was their zenith and predictably Orrell had to dig deep when selection for the North amplifus was third. for the North and Lancashire coincided under the new sys-

DESPITE the successes of tem; they provided i7 players Wakefield and West Hartlepool, on the first divisional Saturday and, like Harlequins, cancelled their club fixtures until the divisional championship was

The first divisional match saw the North, based on Orrell, overwhelmed by London (43-8) overwhelmed by London (43-8) and the South and South-West, largely Bath, brushed aside by the Midlands. Could these melancholy results, despite the North's improved showing at Otley last Saturday against the Midlands, support the argument that the divisional matches are leastly irrelevant and their largely irrelevant and their continuance counter-produc-

One experienced and dedicated rugby man, Eric Smith, strongly believes this to be so. He has occupied virtually every post at Orrell over the years, apart from club bouncer and is the RFU representative for the northern clubs.

He is adamant that any demotion of a county champ-ionship is a retrograde step, if for no other reason that the crucial role that the counties play in administering the game at most levels below the England

Every player, he believes, should be available for county selection and the divisional teams should be chosen from the county matches.

Coaches not supported in their home country



Marathon men hard done by

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH distance runners have never won an Olympic or world championship marathon. Worse still, you might as well hope to pay for your last-minute Christmas presents with the ecu as expect to see the sequence ended in either Tokyo next year or Barcelona in

As a reminder that the powerbrokers of British athletics see The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner as a book title to be followed in practice, two of our leading coaches, far from being asked to help, are working for the opposition. Kenya, you would have thought, hardly needs assistance in finding runners, but Alan Storey, probably the best marathon brain in Britain, and Kim McDonald, Peter Elliott's coach, are working with the national governing body to do

Kenya, winners of the world crosscountry four times in succession, possesses the Olympic champions for 800 metres, 1,500 metres, 5,000 metres and the steeplechase, but the marathon escaped its trawl in Seoul.

The thirty who show the most potential in the Nairobi half-marathon marathons, in London, Boston or compete more than twice a year at his sufficient reward for the enterprise

Dr Mike Boit, the Kenvan commisensure even more success for Kenyan nunners.

In a thinly-veiled criticism of the British bosses he once worked for as that distance running is at an all-time national marathon coach, Storey says: low, that we have not got any distance Running magazine. "The governing championships." body should intervene more strongly in the programme of our leading runners," The castle is being stormed, but the

British board is holding out. Even the services for one championship. present national marathon coach, Gordon Surtees, questions: "How was it that we had our best men representing us in every event in the European championships in Split except in the marathon?" The answer, as Surtees concludes, is

next month will be invited to a three-living, just at is for the top hurdlers, marathon, it is \$5,000 in prize-money. month residential training camp, with sprinters and javelin throwers. The event.

Alan Warner, long-time adviser to sioner for sport, says: "This is the first Steve Jones, the Welshman who set a formal development programme we world best for the marathon in 1984. have put together for our athletes in this advocates "a system that identifies country and we are confident that it will potential." He contends: "People in Britain end up as marathon runners. athletes in major events worldwide. Alan They tend to be outstanding 5.000 and Storey's wealth of experience will be of 10,000 metres runners who get to their invaluable help to our aspiring marathon late twenties and think they can run a good marathon. "There is an attitude within the board

"It is refreshing to see a nation that is so runners, so let them get on with it," successful, like Kenya, looking for ways Warner says. "The panacea would be to to improve." Bruce Tulloh, the former sponsor our best half dozen men and European 5,000 metres champion, pens women with an agreement from them his criticism in next month's issue of that they compete in the Which is what happens in Italy, to

outstanding effect. After winning in Split, Bordin said that the Italian federation paid \$50,000 a year to buy his Buying British marathon runners for

Olympic service sounds vulgar, but there is no other way. Sixty years ago it was cooking pots and blankets which brought out the Kenyans in response to the first athletics meetings there, organised by the money. For many, their sport is their British. Now, in the Nairobi half-After Split, the British runner consid-

kit, food and lodging paid for, to follow difference though, and one for which the ering the issue of national support for Storey's training schedules. By spring, British board refuses to make allow-marathon runners questioned: "If we some will be running their first big ances, is that a marathon runner dare not won a European gold, would that be The answer, we must assume, is no.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Five-year wait has ended for Raiders

By ROBERT KIRLEY

the Philadelphia Eagles won on Sunday to secure play-off posti-League. With two weeks to go, four play-off positions are un-claimed three in the American Football Conference and one in the National Football Conference (NFC).

Bo Jackson rushed for 117

yards, including an 88-yard dash, and Jay Schroeder completed three scoring tosses to lead the Raiders past Cincinnati 247. Los Angeles qualified for the play-offs for the first time since 1955. Kansas City fell one game behind Los Angeles by losing 27-10 to Houston, who were boosted by Warren Moon's 527-yard passing effort, Philadelphia's 31-0 win over

Green Bay made the Engles the fifth NFC play-off team and the third from the NFC Enst. The New York Giants have won the division and Washington went through with a 25-10 victory over New England on Saturday Cunningham led Philadelphia. Dallas, also from the East lead the race for the final NFC play-off position. The Cowpus neat Phoenix 41-10 and wen their fourth game in 2 row to move a game ahead of Green Bay, Minnesota, New Orleans Grimaces from the Damaged

Quarterrack Dept: Kelly of Buffalo, sprained knee; Simms. of the Grants, sprained from and Harbaugh, of Chicago, dislocated shoulder, are out for at least two weeks. Majkowskii, of Green Bay, who undersent shoulder surgery last week, is

Shoulder Surgery List Vicek.
Lost for the seuson.
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NATIONAL CONFER

SQUASH RACKETS

Marshall gains No. 1 seeding for nationals

By Colin McQuillan

FOR THE RECORD

THE continuing emergence of above the defending champion. youthful talent on the domestic youthful talent on the domestic scene has overtaken Del Harris, the young English No. 1 and defending British champion, who will be displaced by Peter Marshall as top seed when the national championships are sponsored for the first time by Fight for Sight in Newcastle early in the new year. Harris won the British title at

the age of 18 in 1987 and returned from serious back problems last year to reclaim it by beating Bryan Beeson in a gripping final at the Eldon Square venue, where matters return in January.

This year, Beeson can command only thirteenth seeding,

although an ability to raise performances on Tyneside home territory may again embarrass the assessors. Marshall, aged 19, stands second to Harris in the English rankings which, with Simon Parke placed third, average the age of the leading trio at a record low of 19 years eight months. But the Leicestershire teenager has twice beaten Harris in recent months and there is little doubt

Parke, aged 18 and world junior champion, is seeded sixth, followed by Chris Walker, the European champion, Paul Carter, the 1938 British champion, lohn Parsona and Jeson pion, John Ransome and Jason All must make way at Eldon

Square for the rising talents of the new Scottish champion, Colin Keith, and the experi-enced Welsh champion, Adrian Davies, who are seeded third and fourth respectively. No such Celtic challenge exists in the women's nationa championship, in which Lisa Opie is favoured to win a fifth

British title, with the old firm of Le Moignan, Horner, Soutter, the defending champion, in close attendance.
Rebecca Best, the Irish No. 1,

LEADING SEEDINGS: Merc 1, P Marshall Leics, 2, D Harris, Essex, 3, C Keith Scotland, 4, Adrian Davies, Wales; 5, P Grogory, Surrey; 8, S Perke, Yorks; 7, C Walker, Essex; 8, P Carter, Heras; 9, J Ransome, Essex; 10, J Nocole, Hants, Women; 1, L Ope Notts, 2, M Le Molgnan, Hants; 3, S Homer, Yorks; 4, L Scutter, Glos; 5, P Geaves, Glos; 6, S Wright, Kent; 7, R Best, Iretand; 8, A Cumings, Surrey; 9, C Jackman, Norfolk; 10, Mcfie, Surrey.

Widnes to meet bogy team

RUGBY LEAGUE

By KEITH MACKLIN

THERE were sighs of relief in Bradford and Rochdale yesterday when Widnes, the Regal postponing the Boxing Day Trophy favourites, were drawn to play their neighbours, Warrington, in the semi-finals. Widnes, in their irresistible Widnes, in their irresistible attacking mood, were the side to avoid and Bradford Northern and Rochdale Hornets, despite their giant-killing exploits last Sunday, would much prefer to play each other.

The first semi-final between Northern and Hornets is next Sausday at Mendionlass mexical and the statements of the semi-final services.

Saturday at Headingley, while Warrington meet Widnes at Vigan on December 29.
The pairing of Warrington

league match at Wilderspool three days before the semi-final. Although there is a huge gap between Widnes and lowly Warrington in the first division table. Widnes will have no illusions about their task, since

bogy side in club competitions. start to the season, came back to form against St Helens in Sun-

The Bradford v Rochdale game brings an unusual clash between good friends. Allan Agar, the Hornets' coach, and his opposite number, David Hobbs, the Bradford playercoach, both live in Featherstone and they and their families regularly go out socially 10-Warrington have always been a gether. Agar commented: have won only one league game this season, and that was against Warrington, after their poor Bradford. That will give David something to think about." day's Regal Trophy tie, and a repetition of that wholehearted display would test even the Wigan, December 29).

Widnes skill and resilience.

GOLF

Unique achievement for Trevino DORADO, Puerto Rico (AP) — first US PGA Senior Tour Lee Trevino lost to Mike Hill player to exceed the moneyafter a three-way play-off for the title of the Champion's tour-the more lucrative regular Trevino said.

nament here, but he accom-plished a feat unique in golf

SPEED SKATING

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Gilfillan appeals

on Thursday against his dis-

nistory.

Trevino's tie for second in the

US PGA Tour

Trevino, playing on a circuit that offered about \$21 million in

"This makes it a '71 year." Trevino said. He won the US. Canadian and British opens that season and was named professional athlete of the year.
"Twe achieved all my goals." Trevino's tie for second in the last event of the year on the Senior PGA Tour was worth \$95,000. That made him the senior \$100. The senior \$10

ICE HOCKEY

A Canadian newcomer inspires the Barons By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

would have to consider their position. The ultimatum seems to have year-old locally trained forward

had the desired effect, as the to mark his first senior appear-Barons ended a dismal run of ten games that had brought them only one point with weekend wins over Whitley Warriors and Cleveland Brent Sapergia, their eleventh

import of the season, played a big part on his debut, scoring six goals and two assists in the home win over the Warriors. He also scored three goals in the first two minutes of the game at Cleveland, only to fall foul of officialdom and earn a gross misconduct penalty after ten

Sapergia is a 28-year-old Canadian who played for the Phoenix Roadrunners in the

THE coach and manager of Unger, once of Dundee and Solibul Barons were told recently that, if they did not revive the fortunes of the premier division side, the committee the Bombers, a game in which there was a first Heineken League goal for Rob Hill, a 16-

ance of the season.

Durham Wasps took their unbeaten league run to 12 games against Fife Flyers and Murrayfield Racers recovered from Saturday's Norwich Union Cup final disappointment with an equally convincing win over

an equally convincing win over Peterborough Pirates.

RESULTS: Helmekan League Premier Division: Ayr Raders 6, Peterborough Prates 8, Cardifl Devils 11, Cloveland Bombers 3, Notingham Partihers 5, Fite Physrs 5, Notingham Partihers 5, Fite Physrs 5, Solinull Berons 12, White, Warriors 9, Cleveland Bomoers 9, Solinull Barons 10, Jurham Wespe 11, Fife Physrs 5, Murrayfield Racers 8, Peterborough Prates 4, Pirst Division: Glasgow Sainta 8, Lies Valley Lons 7; Staugh Jots 5, Bracknell Bees 4; Swindon Widdars 9, Bassingstoke Beevers 9; Testord Tigers 7, Medway Bears 3, Trafford Metros 2, Humberside Sashawks 9; Medway Bears 7, Stough Jets 11; Romlord Raiders 1.

IN BRIEF

Wimbledon qualifying event in June, beat Siobhan Nicholson, the Irish international, 7-5, 7-5 in the first round of the British Christmas tournament at Queen's Club, London,

seed, who now plays for Surrey, winning the first set only after a tie-break which went to 9-7.
GOLF: The Volvo Masters, the season finale on the PGA European Tour, has been brought forward to its traditional slot in October as part of a schedule change announced by organisers. The tournament at

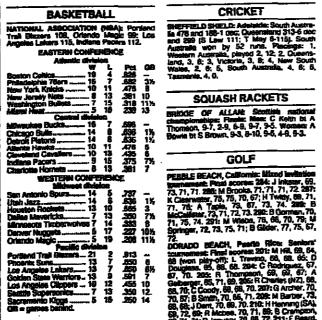
TABLE TENNIS: Carl Prean at 13, and Alan Cooke, at 19, at 18, and Alan Cooke, at 19, at 19 and the top 20 rankings released by the European Table Tennis Union.

Prean will have to wait to discover whether he qualifies as a reserve for next month's European Top 12 Tournament in The Netherlands. Lisa Lomas, the England women's No. 1, rises one place to 19 and is the only Englishwoman in the European top 20.

REAL TENNIS: The British professionals, Jonathan Howell and Christopher Bray, seeded No. 2, defeated Peter Meares and Robert Fahey, the Austrahan favourites, in the final of the Cos d'Estournel French Open championships in Bordeaux with a sparkling display of power and tactics.

 Andrew Pick and John Cook, the Moreton Morrell second pair, beld on to clinch a surprise victory over Rupert Pearce and David Collins, of Queen's Club, and take their team through to the third round of the field Trophy, the national club championship.

RACKETS: The unseeded Chris Graham beat Richard Spender to progress to the third round of the Jim Dear Cup for under-15s



SQUASH RACKETS BRIDGE OF ALLAN: Scotlish national championships: Finals: Mass: C Kelth bt A Thomson, 9-7, 2-9, 6-9, 9-7, 9-5. Women: A Bowie bt S Brown, 9-3, 8-10, 9-5, 4-9, 8-3. GOLF BOWLS DOMNATT: Som Little EBPA charaptereships First reund: M Lengtey bt A Hodgisheon, 2-7, 7-3, 7-1; M Horsman bt M Riches, 7-4, 7-5; A Smith bt P Bestrion, 7-4, 7-6; D Rhys, Jones bt M Rove, 7-2, 7-6; Second sound: R Kasang bt J Gladney, 4-7, 7-2, 7-4; I Modelment bt D Rhys, Jones, 7-0, 7-6; D Brysnt bt A Smith, 7-0, 7-1; M Horsman bt M Langley, 7-7, 7-3. Third round: Keeting bt Middlement 7,6, 2-3; Brynnt.



RUGBY UNION LANCASHRE THOPHY: Quarter-tineis: Leigh 7. Oo is Sate 9; Manchester 25; Blackburn 12; Newton-to-Williams 0, Wigan 12; West Park 8, St Edwards (Mid God 24; LANCASHINE PLATE: First music Heaton Moor -12; Burronwood 3; Mossiey Hill 0, Cemforth 11; Sadday Park 22; Kerarl 3.

missal for tripping at White-haven last Sunday. Carlisle rewarded ball League's fourth division leaders, has earned them the Barclays Performance of the

Cartisle United's 4-1 win against Northampton Town, the Foot-

minutes.

SPORT

Shilton's great leap to world fame

people in the shocking position of finding themselves older than the prime minister. The retirement of Peter Shilton from international football has been equally devastating many of us are, at a stroke, older than any member of the

England team. Shilton has his testimonial game tonight at White Hart Lane, and I wish him a good one. The match is there, rather than at his home club, Derby, because the all-star cast needs the convenience of London's international transport connec-

Goalkeepers are remembered by their mistakes, not by their clean sheets. The highest possible praise one could give Shilton is to say that he is most vividly remembered for two mistakes 17 years apart.
It was inevitable, really, that he

should make that totally un-Shilton-like bish on his last appearance for England in the third-place match against Italy during the last World Cup. And, of course, there was that stunning error against Poland in the never-to-be-forgotten Tomaszeski match in 1973. Readers younger than Shilton may need his ankles: he was determined to reminding that the error cost grow tall enough to be a grown-up

SIMON BARNES

England a place in the 1974 World

Apart from these blemishes, one can recall little save that presence of brooding excellence between the posts. He played 125 games for England, with 65 clean sheets and 43 games with a single goal conceded. He let in two on 14 occasions, and three only three

times.
Shilton stands for determination. There is a Boycott-like streak in him: he decided to be the greatest goalkeeper in the world and few English people would say he has fallen short of that immod-

If you like to put players into categories of natural genius and manufactured talent (the Best v Keegan argument), Shilton must go into the second category. But the person who manufactured the player was himself. As a boy, he used to hang from the banisters while his parents hauled away at

goalie. He says his arms are now two inches longer than is the average for his height.

One of the boring things about playing in team games is con-formism. You wear a shirt with the wrong kind of buttons and you will be teased rotten for two years. The measure of Shilton's dedication is shown in his complete willingness to look an absolute fool in front of his colleagues, or anyone else for that matter. If he hits on a training routine that he believes is right, he has no compunction about acting like a clown.

For example, he used to tie bags of cement round his ankles before running round the training track (winning on aggregate, presum-ably). More remarkably still, the significant guru of his footballing life was a ballroom dancer. Shilton built his body to create that huge, dark, domineering hulk we know. He did a lot of weights. The trade-off was in agility. He had become a trifle static and muscle-bound. So he linked up with Len

Heppell, the ballroom dancer: "He added the final link to what I was doing. He wanted me to move as if I was in water. All flow."

Shilton once showed me the way

Heppell wanted him to move at boss the penalty area. But Shilton walk and in training runs. It was absolutely hilarious: like Lennie Henry's parody of the Cool Spade, the funnier for the complete seriousness on Shilton's face.

"He wanted me to walk down the street like this. I'd have got arrested. But I started to train his way and I got to feel all in one.

Supple. Flowing."
There is a deep streak of eccentricity in all goalkeepers: why else would they choose to wear a different coloured jersey from everyone else in the team? Shilton has always been the man for ploughing his lonely furrow of excellence, driving colleagues mad with his search for perfection, and letting the clean sheets speak for

He has changed the face of goalkeeping as we know it, though not in the gimmicky fashion of Higuita, the charmingly daft Colombian, or Beasant, who created a style of keeping perfect for Wimbledon's new brutalism.

Shilton extended the area of a goalie's responsibility. No goalie is expected any more to be a mav-erick tumbler hiding behind a nice big centre-half: all goalies must

bosses the entire last third of the pitch, at least.

He pushed his defenders further and further from him, the aim being to force attackers to shoot from further out. He was always keen on the tactical nature of his role and says that in some of his best games he hasn't had a shot to save. "Well played, Shilts. Good

Shilton was seldom the kind of keeper who gave joy to spectators, like his wonderfully acrobatic rival, Clemence, or Grobbelaar, or Bonetti: all shot-stoppers supreme.

But you can think of Shilton as you would a jockey riding your odds-on shot in the Derby. A truly brilliant jockey can win one race in a hundred by sheer blinding in-spiration. Any jockey can lose one hundred races in a hundred by making a hundred small mistakes. It is the same with goalies. You

do not measure a great goakeeper by his inspiration, but by his mistakes. All goalies make mis-takes — but Shilton has made fewer than most. And that is the best epitaph you could write on a goalie's international career.

Waddle back for Shilton match

By DENNIS SIGNY

tickets sold for the Peter career. Shilton testimonial match at White Hart Lane tonight was still under the 5,000 yes-terday, Chris Belt, the Tottenham Hotspur ticket manager, said the anticipation was an attendance between 12,000 and 15,000.

Although this would constitute only a break-even figure, a spokesman for former England goalkeeper's testimonial committee said: "We would be happy with that kind of turn-out."
England play an Italia '90

XI chosen by the former West German manager, Franz Beckenbauer. The match marks the return to Tottenham for the first time since his £4.25 million transfer to Marseilles of Chris Waddle. He will line up along side the Tottenham pair Paul Gascoigne and Gary Lineker, the England captain who yesterday won more than £20,000 from Fifa for its fair play award for not being

ALTHOUGH the total of cautioned or dismissed in his

Shilton will play in the match, as well as Arsenal's David Seaman, one of his successors in the international side. Kevin Keegan and Bobby Moore, two other former England captains, will also make appearances; Bryan Robson will play a

sweeper role.
Michel Platini, the manager of France, and Osvaldo Ardiles, the former Argentine international and Tottenham player who is now manager of Swindon Town, will both play for Beckenbauer's side.

Roger Milla, aged 38, the Cameroon forward who was one of the successes of the World Cup finals in Italy in the summer, is another

TALLA '50 (probable): N'Kono (Cameroon) and P Bonner (Recublic of Ireland); E Gerets (Belgium); N Lorenzo (Argentra), R Millson (Sweden), M Pisthin (France), O Ardiles (Argentina), R Mills (Cameroon), G Hegi (Romane), C Velderrame (Columbia), S Shauntoe (Republic of Ireland), A McLeleh (Scottand), Medioral (Costa Rica).

Lineker rewarded for a career without blemish

captain, was named yesterday as the winner of an individual fair play award from Fifa. the governing body of world foot- be crowned with personal ball. The honour, which is success". worth 50,000 Swiss francs worth 50,000 Swiss tranes in a dozen years with (about £25,000), was bestowed Leicester City, Everton, Barce-upon Lineker for "exemplary long and Tottenham Hotspur

carned recognition for his

career, and Fifa considered him to be "a living example of how the spirit of fair play can

conduct". it was announced at as well as with England. Fifa's headquarters in Zurich. Lineker has never been sent Lineker, aged 30, was a off or even booked. His statmember of the England team ure as a gentleman and as a which also collected the team national ambassador is fair play award after the World assuming the proportions of Cup last summer. He has Bobby Charlton.

His career was also without

Plan for joint stadium

OFFICIALS of Nottingham Forest and Notts County are considering an unexpected proposal from their landlord, the city council, for both clubs the government and the Euroto leave their present head- pean Community. The counquarters to share a new multi- cil initiative follows a recent purpose stadium south of the approach for assistance from city (Chris Moore writes)

John Taylor, the deputy leader of the council, has written to Maurice Roworth, the chairman of Forest, and Derek Pavis, the chairman of County, putting forward plans have been working on plans to for a 45,000-seat stadium, improve the City Ground which could be domed, to be since before Hillsborough, are built near the Wilford power far less likely to favour the

The cost would have to be met by private enterprise and the clubs themselves, with some possible assistance from Notts County, who face a bill for £8 million to turn their

all-seat stadium, While County might welcome a move, Forest, who



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GARY Lineker, the England behaviour throughout his blemish. Their respective records are all the more remarkable because, as renowned goalscorers, they were sure to be regarded as prime targets by the opposition. In a dozen years with Lineker still is the victim of many a harsh tackle as he

pursues another of Bobby Charlton's statistics. The leading scorer in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico, Lineker has so far claimed 37 goals in 61 internationals. If he avoids injury and maintains his fitness, he promises in a couple of years to surpass the total of 49, set by Bobby Charlton during 106

matches for England. Although Lineker may be accused of following the continental habit of diving theatrically - a custom he learned while he was in Spain - he has otherwise maintained the highest standard of behaviour for both his clubs and his country. Moreover, he has never been anything less than polite off the pitch.

Meadow Lane ground into an It seemed only natural in lace of the injured Bryan Robson that he should be promoted by Graham Taylor to act as captain during the World Cup.

Yesterday McMenemy, Taylor's assistant, paid tribute to Lineker's qualities. "It is obviously a great honour for one player to be selected from so many in the world," he said. "Follow-ing on from the team award in the World Cup, it has to be a credit to the state of our game at the moment and also a good illustration of why Graham

Taylor made him captain. "He is continuing in the tradition of such inter-nationals as Pele and Bobby Chariton on the world stage. We all take Bobby for granted because he's ours but he is respected all around the globe. Pele is held in the same esteem and with the same affection in even the most distant

countries."
McMenemy added: "All three have one thing in common. They all went into the penalty area where defenders take no prisoners. They have continually scored goals at international level and whenever they've been grounded, they've got up, dusted themselves down, got on with it and

A high-flying closing day at Olympia

Whitaker **brothers** steal the show

By JENNY MACARTHUR

THE formidable Whitaker brothers achieved their third double of the week on the closing day of the Olympia show jumping championships yesterday. It took their tally of wins to eight.

John, aged 35, recorded his fifth victory of the week - and brought his winnings to £10,080 — when he relegated Tim Stockdale, on Mighty McGuigan, to second place by a comfortable two seconds in the opening Cross and Black-well Accumulator on Henderson Gammon.

Later, Michael, aged 30, had a narrower victory over Liz Edgar and Everest Rapier in bringing his winnings to £5,600. Significantly, the brothers' successes have come at the most competitive show at Olympia since the championships started 19 years ago.

John, talking after his fifth win, had his own theory on their success. "If you win a class early on at a show it boosts your confidence and you often go on winning. We've also both got a very good string of horses and, as this is the last event of the season, we can both pick our best horses."

Ironically, John is without his leading horse, Henderson Milton, who is recovering from a respiratory virus, but the three horses he has brought to Olympia -Henderson Gammon, Grannusch and Fonda – have each contributed to his purse. Yesterday it was Gammon's

turn. The 11-year-old gelding, who Whitaker nearly lost through a lung infection last May, had been retired from the main competition on Sunday night after hitting a fence. Whitaker then decided to give him a confidence-boosting round in the Accumulator yesterday - putting Grannusch into the Grand

Wings, a horse he now keeps

Gammon, clearly appreciative, jumped economically and cleanly to win by his twosecond margin. "I probably made the wrong choice," Whitaker said. "He jumped brilliantly." Michael's wins have all come with Henderson Red

need a grand prix horse for them," he said.

Yesterday's small, fast track Michael. in the Christmas Eve stakes was ideal for the 13-year-old gelding. His agile turns, to noisy cheers from the partisan crowd, recorded a time of 35.87sec. Mrs Edgar, who in mainly for speed classes in Britain. "The ones abroad are had the rare satisfaction of £1,500 this week, will both

getting too big - you almost relegating John Whitaker to second place, failed by a whisker to do likewise to

> Thomas Fuchs, the winner of the Volvo World Cup qualifier on Saturday, took third place on Rusty, some half a second behind. Michael Whitaker and his

Show in Belgium in ten days' time. John's next engagement is a skiing holiday in Austria with his three children.

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Coaches leave national squads

By MIKE ROSEWELL

DAVID Tanner and Mark Lees have resigned as chief coach to the British men's rowing heavyweights and lightweights respectively, it

was announced yesterday.

Tanner was criticised for his late reshuffling of the men's crews before the world championships in Tasmania, the two fours perhaps suffering from the withdrawal of Matthew Pinsent to join Steve Redgrave in the pair.

Lees experienced a wrangle among the lightweights when the Nottingham coxless four appealed against the selection of the London-based crew after the Amsterdam Regatta. Both Tanner and Leeds give pressure of work as their reasons for resignation from

the part-time posts. Tanner, whose interback to 1975, took the men's chief coach position in June 1989 "for a maximum of six months, to sort out the Bled world championships". En-couraged by Bled, he decided to go on for one more season. He intends to continue to assist with the international effort if required, but his immediate aim is "coach

egeneration". The Amateur Rowing Association is inviting applications for part-time chief coaches for all four

American football's £1m boost

BRITAIN'S leading American football league has won a sponsorship deal with Coca-Cola, worth nearly £1 million over the next three years.

Sponsorship of the national league, which consists of 17 teams, will take effect from the beginning of the 1991 season, which kicks off in the spring. The Coca-Cola League season will run from April and will culminate in the Coca-Cola Bowl in August.

The sponsorship announcement comprises just one element in a multi-million-dollar global association of the softdrink company and the Nat-ional Football League in the United States.

It will include Coca-Cola's backing of the NFL's annual American Bowl exhibition

New generation puts US on glory trail again

By ANDREW LONGMORE

IT HAS been a good month for American tennis. Two weeks ago, the United States beat Australia to win the Davis Cup for the first time in eight years, ending their longest barren sequence since the 1930s. This weekend, the Star-Spangled Banner could have been adopted as the official anthem of the new Compaq Grand Slam Cup such was the dominance of American players, four of whom - Chang, Gilbert, Sampras and Wheaton - reached the semi-finals.

"The funny thing is that two years ago I spent my time answering questions about what was wrong with American tennis," says Brian Gottfried, head of the coaching programme at the headquarters of the Association of Tennis Professional (ATP) in Florida.

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Ashe, Gottfried, Gerulaitis, Tanner, Dibbs, Solomon, for example - in the top 10 have they had such a strong hand of players. Last year, Michael Chang became the first American winner of the French Open since Tony Trabert in 1955 and three months ago Pete Sampras shot out of the pack of young Americans to win his home championships. Much to the delight of the New York crowd, who had become used to cheering their own men when Connors and McEnroe shared seven titles in a row between 1978 and 1984, three of the four semi-finalists - Agassi, Sampras and McEnroe - renewed that domination. Only Becker managed to uphold European interest.

before they can compete with Edberg, Becker and Lendi, let alone match the records of Connors and McEnroe, but they are still only 19 and 20, while Chang is just 18. Behind them come an army of US foot soldiers — headed by the irrepressible Gilbert and including Berger, Krickstein, Reneberg and Wheaton Seven of the top 20 at the end of this year are Americans.

That success has not been matched by Australia. In 1970, the top seven players were Rosewall, Newcombe, Laver, Roche, Ashe, Richey and Smith — four Australians and three Americans. Today, there is no Australian in the top 30, only two - Fromberg and Woodbridge - in the top 50. The main reason for the decline, according to many of the older players, is that young people have life too easy, so few have the necessary drive to

for three hours," says Roy Emerson. Interestingly, Sampras, Agassi and Chang and, among the girls, Capriati and Mary Joe Fernandez, are all the offspring of immigrant parents. Sampras's father and mother are Greek, Agassi's father is Iranian, Chang's parents were born in Taiwan, Capriati has an Italian father. "I think it's just coincidence, though there may be different values involved," says Gottfried. "Remember that Wheaton and Courier are part of the same group, though they haven't quite got the same amount of publicity yet."

Gottfried, a French Open finalist and Wimbledon semi-finalist, feels that the group instinct and the development of a coherent national junior programme of development are more significant factors in the sudden upturn in fortunes. "They probably won't realise it until later,

but each of them will be pushing the other. Sampras has just won the Grand Slam Cup and Chang and Agassi won't be too happy about that It was the same when I came into the pros. There was a group of us and we all competed among

"The good thing is that the next group will be able to look up to the Changs and Samprases and that will give them an incentive. But there is also a good structure in place now, whereas before it was really only 15 to 18. Now there are camps and national tournaments for 12-yearolds so that you can get a handle on who's doing what and get them on the professional programme, It's all cyclical. You'll probably be asking me what's the matter with American tennis again in a few years

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